

The Epistle

MARCH 2025

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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 Winkelman, Senior Pastor

Rev. Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mr. Justin Palm, Principal

Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director

From Lutheran Hour Ministries

"Covered"

Written by Dr. Carol Geisler

Psalm 91:4-6 - He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

In this psalm there is no wielding the sword of the Spirit, no taking the fight to the foe. These psalm verses direct us to a "duck and cover" kind of strategy. It is time to seek shelter! We have sad experiences with such circumstances. We cannot fight tornadoes or floods, hurricanes or earthquakes. Even with medical help, our defenses are limited in cases of severe illness. In the face of death—our own or that of a loved one—there is nothing we can do. The shelter suggested in this psalm, with its comparison to feathered wings or shield of wood or metal, does not seem to be very substantial.

Yet the promised shelter in the psalm is stronger than any earthly refuge. It is a shelter that provides more protection than sandbags in a flood or plywood covering

windows. This shelter offers greater safety than a secure basement in a storm or strong medication. Our refuge is the faithfulness of God. As He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5b). We certainly believe His promise, but we may find ourselves asking, "Where were You, Lord, when this happened? Where was Your shelter?" The storm or flood sweeps a home away. Illness ruins health or takes the life of a loved one. Where is the faithfulness of God when those things happen?

Why does God allow such things to happen in the lives of His people? The answer to that question lies hidden within God's will and wisdom. It is an answer beyond our earthly understanding and not for us to know. But where is His faithfulness and steadfast love? During Lent the answer to that question is clearly seen. Our faithful God is right where He promises to be, covering us with His love and sheltering us with His peace. How can we be sure of that? We only need to look to the cross of Jesus. In faithful, steadfast love, God sent His Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die for our sins. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we know that "neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38b-39). God's faithful, sheltering love for you will always be firmly in place, anchored by the cross of His Son. Whatever happens, God has you covered.

WE PRAY: Lord, when I experience days of trouble and fear, shelter me with Your faithfulness and steadfast love. Amen.



Your Pastors' Ponderings

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day" ~Philippians 1:3-5

As I settle into my new role as Senior Pastor, I am led to give thanks for you all for your partnership these last 7 months as I served your vacancy. Your love, generosity, and kindness were evident from the beginning and overflowed at my installation. Thank you for making my prayers overflow with joy. May our partnership in the gospel continually be overflowing with joy. I look forward to getting to know you all as we spend time together in worship, Bible study, activities and through my visits.

You'll notice in Paul's greetings to the church in Philippi that he called it a "partnership in the gospel." In other places Paul will discuss the pastors' need to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry" and a few times Paul compares the church to the body and the need for all the parts to work together. No matter the size of the church, whether it's 10 or 10,000 people, everyone is called to serve in various capacities, always for the sake of the gospel. So, I look forward to learning the many and various ways we will work together here at St. John's and even more I look forward to seeing you grow in the faith as you experience the joy of serving one another.

Finally, as we enter into the Lenten season I wanted to share our focus for the season. We will be using "The Hand of the Lord" from CPH for our theme. We use our hands to heal, mend, build, teach, comfort, and so much more. Yet our hands are sinful and unclean. It is Christ's hands that transform ours into beautiful, clean hands for His plans. I hope to see you each Wednesday evening in worship as we set aside extra time each week in preparation for Holy Week. As we focus on the hands of Christ, looking at all He does for us, may we be led to see the many and various ways Christ wants to work through our own hands to accomplish His will - the spreading of the gospel, knocking back the gates of hell and extending His kingdom here in Red Bud. I look forward to our partnership in the gospel for years to come.

Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman



Greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ,
*We have received much anticipated
and exciting news!!!*

**I WISH TO WELCOME THE NEW SENIOR
PASTOR OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND SCHOOL, PASTOR MARK WINKELMAN!!!**

Welcome to March!!! As we enter the month of March, we also enter the Season of Lent. I thought it would be interesting to research and remind us all of some of the importance and meaning of Lent. Lent is a solemn time of the Church Year when the suffering and death of our Savior come into focus. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with sorrow and tragedy on Good Friday. The season consists of 40 days, excluding Sundays, (40 being a significant number in the Bible ... 40 days/nights of the flood, 40 days/nights Jesus was tempted in the desert, the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, etc.).

First, there is "Shrove" Tuesday. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It is called Shrove Tuesday because it's meant as a day of presenting oneself to the Pastor to receive the cleansing of one's sins through confession. Also known as "Fat" Tuesday or as the French call it, "Mardis Gras." It was time to use up their store of fat, which was forbidden during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is figured out by taking Easter Sunday, counting back six weeks, and backing up four days. Ash Wednesday is always the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent. The ashes come from the burned palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. To this day members of many Christian denominations receive a sign of the cross, in ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This is a sign of humility, the need for repentance, and the hope of forgiveness.

The Sunday of Easter changes each year and is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after March 21st. Lent is a period of self-denial, spiritual discipline, a time to repent of sins, die to sin, return to God and live our lives for Him. It is about spending extra time in personal prayer, both private and public. So, by the time Lent has ended, one should find themselves built up in his/her faith. Lent can be a time of renewal for the church and a time for us to be more dedicated to God's work and consecrated to Jesus. It is a time for evangelism.

Some things to notice: the paraments on the Altar and the Pastor's stole change to purple. Purple is

a color often associated with royalty and penitence. It is a time when the “Alleluia” is omitted or put away and it is not brought back until Easter morning. This is because “Alleluia” means “Praise the Lord.” It provides us an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

We invite you to join us at our additional Lent Worship Services at 7:00 pm each Wednesday in Lent, in addition to your regular weekly Worship attendance. I pray this was helpful and educational for you.

God's blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak

From Your Director of Christian Education

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. My favorite Lenten hymn is Lamb of God, Pure and Holy LSB 434 stanza one “Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!” Thanks be to God through His son Jesus that He does have mercy on us!

The Senior Youth will be assisting with the Lenten meals this year as we prepare to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. The menu for March 5 is chicken noodle soup and Caesar salad. The menu for March 12 will be spaghetti, garlic bread, and lettuce salad. March 19 the menu will include pulled pork, baked beans, and Mac. & cheese. The March 26 menu will include tacos, all the sides, Mexican rice, and refried beans. All costs have been supplemented with Thrivent cards. The Senior Youth families are providing the desserts each week and appreciate your support.

There are many activities this month at school from the basketball teams and cheerleaders traveling to Chicagoland for the State Lutheran Tournament March 7-9, third quarter report cards come home March 14, the school’s Dinner Auction at Hecker is on March 15. The Junior & Senior Youth are having a combined St. Patrick’s Day Roller Skating party on March 17 at Skate City in Belleville from 5-7pm. More information is available in the bulletin and in the Epistle. On March 21-23 I will be out of town celebrating Bryce’s 25th birthday in Mattoon and then heading near Cape to celebrate my brother & sister in law’s 50th wedding anniversary! The current sixth grade class will be hosting a fish & beer supper at

Ratzskeller on March 29. More details to come. And on March 30 the Senior Youth will be having a benefit BBQ and free will bake sale for the Harms Family as they have incurred medical and personal expenses with the tragic accident involving their son, Brendan.

Blessings, DCE Bill Becker



On Sunday, February 16 Pastor Mark Winkelman was installed as the Senior Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud, IL. Attending the Installation service were back row: Rev. Benjamin Ball, 2nd Vice President of the LCMS, Rev. Heath Curtis, Rev. Darwin Schrader, Rev. Mark Harris, and Rev. Scott Hojnacki front row. Rev. Randy Fischer, Rev. Brian Nowak, Rev. Mark Winkelman, Rev. Michael Winkelman, Emeritus, Rev. Timothy Scharr, President, Southern Illinois District, and Rev. Timothy Sims. Pastor Winkelmann graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO in 2009 and his first Call was to St. Peter's Lutheran, Morrison, Illinois as Associate Pastor and then as Senior Pastor. He then accepted the Call to be Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Freeport, IL in 2017.



A potluck meal was held after the service at St. John's Lutheran School. Many of Pastor's family, fellow ministers, other guests, and members of St. John's attended.

SID Convention Proceedings

The 60th Southern Illinois District Convention was held February 20-22, 2025, at The Hyatt Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL. In attendance from St. John's Lutheran were Lay Voting Delegate, Michael DeRousse, Pastoral Voting Delegate Rev. Mark Winkelman, and Commissioned Advisory Delegate William Becker. Rev. Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor was also in attendance but as the Pastoral Voting Delegate for St. John, Baldwin. Other faculty members and church members attended the opening worship service on Thursday evening and/or closing service on Saturday morning. Mrs. Joan Ruwald and her sister, Anne Frank once again were the banner designers for the Convention. The theme was *Heirs of Eternal Life* based on Titus 3:3-8. Serving as organist during the Convention proceedings was Rev. Arthur Eichhorn, our recent vacancy pastor on Saturday evenings.

The opening service was hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville (Rev. Chris Spelbring and Rev. Joshua Kintz, pastors) and included choir members and musicians from Zion/Belleville, Zion/ Mascoutah, Trinity/ Millstadt, and Good Shepherd/Collinsville, as well as organist Mrs. Nancy Peterson, all under the direction of Mrs. Dawn Tayon, Zion's Minister of Music. Rev. Peter Lange, First Vice President of the LCMS served as the preacher.

The President's Address was given by Rev. Timothy J. Scharr. The Convention's first order of business was to elect the District President. Rev. Heath Curtis (Trinity, Worden and Zion, Carpenter) was elected on the third ballot with 57 votes to Rev. Scharr's 55 votes. Following the District President election, balloting began for District Vice Presidents.

Friday was a full day of elections, theological study with Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Iowa East District President, a Synodical Report by Rev. Peter Lange, a Q & A with Synod Vice Presidents Lange and Benjamin Ball, devotions, and worship. Advisory Delegates (Pastoral and Commissioned) held a Caucus to select delegates to the 2026 Synod Convention in Phoenix, AZ. A presentation from Rev. Dr. James Baneck, Executive Director of LCMS Office of Pastoral Education on Set Apart To Serve which is about bringing the promise of eternal salvation to all God's people using future church workers. Greetings from the SID LWML were given by President Carol Walther.

Reports from various District entities including Schools and General Executive Jeff Fick, District Treasurer Gary Hemmer, and several others were delivered. Floor Committee One presented nine resolutions that were adopted or declined by the Voting Assembly. Resolution 1-02: Concerning the Lack of Use of the Name Lutheran by Congregations of the LCMS was declined to be brought forward by the Floor Committee. Resolution 1-03: To Provide Reimbursement to Circuit Visitors passed with no comments or questions. Resolution 1-04: to Amend the SID Salary Scale Regarding Pulpit Supply was passed with a unanimous voice vote. Resolution 1-09: To Declare President Scharr as President Emeritus passed unanimously by voice vote and the assembly rose to sing the common doxology. Both a delicious lunch and supper were served to all delegates and guests in attendance.

Most notable election results include: Rev. Dr. Stephen Krenz (St.. Paul's Columbia) First Vice President, Rev. Mark Surburg (Good Shepherd, Marion) Second Vice President, Rev. Lyle Buettner (St. Paul's New Athens and Trinity Darmstadt) District Secretary, Gary Hemmer was reelected to serve as District Treasurer. Positions on the District Board of Directors included commissioned minister William Becker being reelected. During the Caucus of Advisory Delegates for the commissioned ministers, William Becker was selected to represent the Southern Illinois District at the 2026 Synod Convention in Phoenix, AZ to be held July 18-23.

The Saturday morning schedule included Dr. Saunders closing Theological Study, a presentation from Jeff Fick on the Dominican Republic partnership with the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Confesional to support the Seminario Concordia El Reformador, a Lutheran Seminary that trains church workers to serve throughout Latin America. A farewell from President Scharr, *As the Lord Wills* focused on his path to becoming District President. He also chronicled his recent health struggles. He referenced Ecclesiastes 3 when addressing the delegates that to everything there is a season and is grateful for the fourteen and a half years, he was given the opportunity to serve. The closing service and installation of officers and board members were the last scheduled events.

March Servers

Flowers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick

Paraments: Irma Birkner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

We Bid a Fond Farewell

February 5 Death of Ed Luttman

February 17 Death of Eunice Snyder

Evening Guild News

Prayer Service: We invite all Lutheran women for a Prayer Service on **Tuesday, March 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John's Church. Followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall hosted by Jeanne Stamm, Cindy Steele, and Marie Voges. Mites will be collected with a business meeting.

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

LWML Scholarships: SID LWML offers scholarships to students going into full-time church work (pastors, teachers, deaconesses, DEC). The application on the website at www.sidlwml.org must be submitted by March 15, 2025.

From the Principal's Pen

February has been a weather rollercoaster with temperatures ranging from 17 to 70 degrees. Having the cold extremes and some weather related to them has caused us to have over a week off of school due to the weather. This will likely change our last day of school which we should know by the end of March.

The Language Arts festival was held on February 24. St. John's had three students receive best of grade groups awards: Sydney Krick, Evelyn Heck, and Hayden Schlimme. Congratulations to these students and budding authors!

Valentine's Day was another day full of class parties, candy grahams, and flowers in the office. We are now preparing for the somber mood of Ash Wednesday and then Lent which will start on March 5th.

The Open House for St. John's Lutheran School was held on February 5th and had the soup and hot dog meal and snacks in the classrooms. We were delighted to see so many new prospective students and at this point have 14 students signed up for preschool next year and 18 students for kindergarten. We also were for the signing booth and photo opportunities that the marketing committee created for this event. What a blessing to see

all the faces full of anticipation as they look forward to joining St. John's Lutheran School. As an added bonus for Open House night, we had Mrs. Jennie Williamson visit us and perform a Christian Concert for us.



The Heart Challenge was a hit as always. The kindergarten through 5 grade students enjoyed the jump-roping while the junior high students enjoyed the hoops and volleyball portion of the heart challenge. My favorite part of all though was the class jump and dancing; we all got to come together and cheer on one another.

The boys' basketball team finished sixth at the Christ Lutheran Peoria tournament and look to continue their season in Chicago at the Lutheran State tournament. The girls jumped out of basketball and cheer and right into volleyball. The first weekend of March the ladies will jump back into basketball and cheer for the Lutheran Sports Association State Tournament; we wish them God's Blessings on their endeavor.

Fourteen students represented our school at the Science fair at SIU Carbondale on February 25th. Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Evan Muench, Max Voss, Colton Albert, Easton Ruebusch, Blaine Rolhfig, Aubrey Vallerroy, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm, Lucas Summers, and Layla Kilpatrick represented the seventh-grade class as they attempted to move on to the state competition. Other notable mentions were not discovered this year due to the injury to Mrs. Whelan that removed her from the school.

Our final focus for the month of February is service to all. The teachers and students are preparing class projects for the dinner auction. Our junior high and

fifth grade students where ambassadors to Garden Place as they played “Farkle” there and had some very genuine conversations with the residents.

March will be busy as always. We will have our boys’ basketball team, cheer team, and girls’ basketball team compete in the LSA tournament in Chicago. This year our girls have earned the third seed in the tournament which is a school record set by this team and our boys have received a sixth-place seed. We wish all teams God’s Blessings and thank them for being good examples during the state tournament. Girls’ volleyball will return to action in the OVC tournament the week after LSA. The third quarter ends on March 7 with report cards going home on the 14th. Our annual PTL Dinner Auction is in Hecker on March 15. It will be good to celebrate our school and families during the “Game Night” themed auction. The last full week of March the students will be taking achievement tests. Our annual musical will take place on April 4th with performances at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please join us! Hopefully I will see you at one of the many activities that are planned.

God’s Blessings to you, Mr. Justin Palm

LCMS Foundation

A person wishes to go on a European vacation. However, they have delayed planning many times. Maybe there will be a better rate? Who knows when the best weather will be? What if my health takes a turn and I am not able to go? The bliss of vacation will never happen if you continue living in paralysis of the unknown.

That same kind of paralysis can keep the Lord’s people from putting estate plans in place and carrying out faithful stewardship of God’s gifts. In the barrage of “what if’s”, we choose to do nothing. If that procrastination lasts long enough, we may choose to do nothing, expecting that our children will take care of things after the Lord calls us home. The trouble is, we may not have communicated our wishes to our children clearly or they may not share the same priorities. God has made us stewards of His things and it is our job to put a plan in writing that faithfully guides how financial assets should be handled through our estate. We don’t let fear of the imperfect keep us from acting.

Certainly, in estate plans, there are many things that can change over time. Family can grow. Financial

assets can grow. Ministries can close and new ones can open. An estate plan needs to be nimble to be effective. It is wise to see the need to review an estate plan and update it every 5-7 years. Yet the prospect of those changes should not keep us from setting up a plan that covers the needs of today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider what you need to have in place today. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“God’s Instruments, God’s Stewards”

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as “the most forgotten words in the Scriptures.” They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn’t stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going

and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!

The Prayer Chain

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

Midweek Bible Classes 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.

PTL Dinner Auction

The 15th annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Hecker Community Center. This year's theme is "Let the Games Begin!" Contact our office to purchase tickets! Tickets: \$45 per person (dinner, dessert and select drinks). Once again, \$250 Cougar Cash drawing for bringing new attendees.

Sunday School

Perfect Attendance for February- **Pre-K3**: Dallin Liefer, Kullen Liefer; **Pre-K4**: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; **Kindergarten**: Demi Grohmann, Eliza Schrader; **First Grade**: Bentley Valentine; **Second Grade**: Jettson Grohmann; **Third Grade**: Kolton Liefer; **Fifth Grade**: Henry Schnepel, Cassidy Palm; **Sixth Grade**: Natalie Kassing; **Seventh Grade**: Jozlynn Palm; **Eighth Grade**: Carson Bowles; **High School**: Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Karson Liefer. Thank you for your participation in and your support of our Sunday School ministry!

Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services

The Lent season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We will hold Holy Communion services that day at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 12, 19, and 26. The theme for our services is "The Hand of the Lord" as we look at God's Word to see how His hands are used in the Old and New Testaments, from creation to crucifixion and eternal life."

The evening services will be preceded by a Lenten supper in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu for this month is: Mar. 5- Chicken Noodle Soup and Caesar Salad; Mar. 12- Spaghetti, garlic bread and lettuce salad; Mar. 19- Pulled pork, baked beans and mac. & cheese; and Mar. 26- Tacos with all the sides, Mexican rice & refried beans. The Senior Youth will assist with bringing desserts & serving these meals.

The Free-Will offering will go towards their National Youth Group Gathering this July.

The
Season
of
Lent



Acolyte Schedule

Wed. Mar. 5	8:30 a.m. Brayden McCarthy 7 p.m. Brynlee Liefer
Sat. Mar. 8	5 p.m. Wiley Minemann
Sun. Mar. 9	8 a.m. Clare Carnahan 10:30 a.m. Payton Liefer
Wed. Mar. 12	8:30 a.m. Liam Kilpatrick 7 p.m. Carson Bowles
Sat. Mar. 15	5 p.m. Addison Brier
Sun. Mar. 16	8 a.m. Sutton Jones 10:30 a.m. Jackson Neff
Wed. Mar. 19	8:30 a.m. Elle Sutton 7 p.m. Natalie Kassing
Sat. Mar. 22	5 p.m. Landon Bumann
Sun. Mar. 23	8 a.m. Evan Muench 10:30 a.m. Jozlynn Palm
Wed. Mar. 26	8:30 a.m. Carson Moll 7 p.m. Jackson Pensoneau
Sat. Mar. 29	5 p.m. Athena Wolfmeier
Sun. Mar. 30	8 a.m. Presley Liefer 10:30 a.m. Tessa Stenzel
Wed. Apr. 2	8:30 a.m. Jozlynn Palm 7 p.m. Charlie Muench
Sat. Apr. 5	5 p.m. Abby Stellhorn
Sun. Apr. 6	8 a.m. Aubrey Kiefer 10:30 a.m. Maya Macbeth

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!



St. Patrick's Day Skating Party

Junior and Senior Youth Group would like to invite you to a St Patrick's Day Roller Skating Party!

Monday March 17 at Skate City in Belleville from 5-7 pm. 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 \$5 skate rental if needed. There are skate aids available for new skaters. You do not pay admission if you're not skating. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3- \$4 per skater in the door that they can use toward the National Youth Gathering that they have been fundraising for! They do have a concession stand that will be open with \$5 meal deals.

Worship Greeters

Wed. Mar. 5	7 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sat. Mar. 8	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Mar. 9	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Wed. Mar. 12	7 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sat. Mar. 15	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Mar. 16	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Wed. Mar. 19	7 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sat. Mar. 22	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Mar. 23	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Wed. Mar. 26	7 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sat. Mar. 29	5 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sun. Mar. 30	8 a.m. Linda Guebert 10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert
Wed. Apr. 2	7 p.m. Kimberly & Addison Breier
Sat. Apr. 5	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Apr. 6	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke 10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann

We need one person to serve as greeters for the 8 a.m. service with Linda Guebert. 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.



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Church and School Calendar

Wednesday, March 5-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 8:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 6- Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office

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

Friday, March 7-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School
 BBB/GBB LSA State Tournament in Chicago

Saturday, March 8-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service
 BBB/GBB LSA State Tournament in Chicago

SUNDAY, March 9-

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. Sunday School Sings in Church
 BBB/GBB LSA State Tournament in Chicago

Monday, March 10-

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room
 VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR begins

Tuesday, March 11- Spring Picture Day at School!

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
 VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Wednesday, March 12-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion
 VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Thursday, March 13- Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church
 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
 VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Friday, March 14-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School
 VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Saturday, March 15-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 5:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at HCC

SUNDAY, March 16-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
 12:00 p.m. Sonshine Visits Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 17- St Patrick's Day

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, March 18-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Lenten Prayer Service at church

Wednesday, March 19-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 20- Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church
 6:00 p.m. VB A Team Regionals vs RBC @New Athens

Friday, March 21-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School

Saturday, March 22-

11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Harms' Benefit at School
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 Lions Spring for Life BBQ at School

Monday, March 24- Please turn in those Epistle articles for April!!

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, March 25- Family Fun Night at School!

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 26-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 27- Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, March 28-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School
 12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Saturday, March 29-

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

SUNDAY, March 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 Harms' Benefit BBQ & Bake Sale at School

Monday, March 31-

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room