

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 26-27, 2025, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.

Learn from Abraham to Pray

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

In 1535, Martin Luther was asked by Peter, his barber, for instruction on prayer. Luther wrote a little book explaining how he organizes his own prayers to God. He pointed to the Lord's Prayer as well as the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed as ways to focus and form his prayers. The Bible is filled with people who prayed consistently—people like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, and David. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and shares two stories to emphasize the importance of bold, persistent prayer.

PRELUDE: (5 p.m.) "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Summer Ringers

(8 a.m.) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arranged by Harold Rohlig

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB 770)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES:

Psalm 50:1, 3-5, 14-15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

P: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

C: **The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

P: Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

C: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

P: The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

C: **God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**

P: Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

C: **“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**

P: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.**

P: Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT: *Psalm 119:145-149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

P: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

C: **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.**

P: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

C: **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**

P: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

C: **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;**

P: O Lord, according to Your justice give me life.

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care” (LSB 779)



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.
6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM: (5 p.m.) “Our Father Who From Heav'n Above”

Summer Ringers

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 18:20-33

(Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)

P: Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous

with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

C: Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE: *(Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.)* *Colossians 2:6-15*

P: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE:

Luke 11 :9

P: Alleluia.

C: I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

P: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: (*Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.*)

Luke 11 :1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter. **C: (*spoken*) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (*spoken*) Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:

“God Is So Good” (AGPS 107, vs. 1, 2, & 5)

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He’s so good to me.
2. He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me.
5. He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He’s so good to me.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord” (LSB 771)



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On

God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -

moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.
fore you ask And works for what is best.
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

SERMON

CREED:

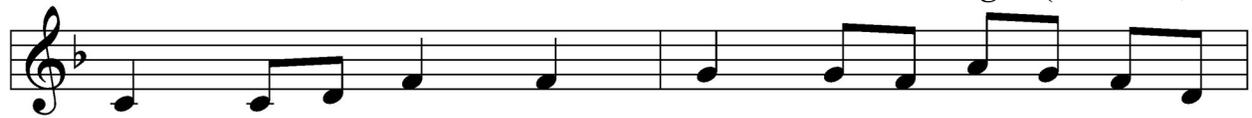
Apostles' Creed (page 192)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (LSB 782, vs. 1 & 4)



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 △ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

HEALING AND COMFORT: Riley Foster, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Mary Liefer, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Gary Schwartzkopf; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Shirley Hartmann, Ruby Hering, Orville Heller, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, Sue Schreier, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Roger Womack.

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

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

+those who mourn: family of Peggy Koen; died in the Lord on Thursday, July 17

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

C: Our Father in heaven,

P: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

C: Holy be Your name.

P: Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

C: Your Kingdom come.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

C: Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

P: Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

P: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

P: O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

C: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

P: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

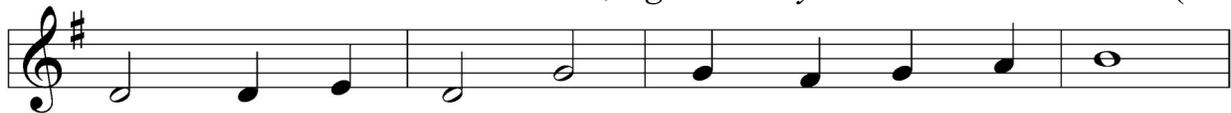
Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

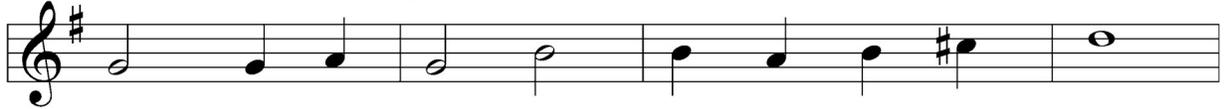
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” (LSB 917)



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

POSTLUDE: “Dance”

by J. Wayne Kerr

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This Week with Our Lord, July 27-August 3, 2025

SUNDAY, July 27-

9:30 a.m. Summer Family Sunday School (All ages) in Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Pool Party

Monday, July 28-

9:30 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 29-

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

Wednesday, July 30- *Pastor Mark Winkelman on Vacation July 30-August 2*

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Membership Class & Catechism Study in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 31-

Friday, August 1-

Saturday, August 2-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Grayden Schloemann

SUNDAY, August 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Easton Ruebusch

9:30 a.m. Summer Family Sunday School (All ages) in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Layla Kilpatrick

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

July 20: Worship: 240; Communion: 143; Summer Family Sunday School: 30

July 16: New Member/Catechism Study: 19

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/20- General: \$8,176.30; School: \$120.00.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

Did you know that we do electronic funds transfer from your account to ours on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? It's a simple process! Complete the form with your contribution request and we'll do that for you. Those can be changed at any time, that works best for you, just contact the office with any changes. Feel free to pick up a form in church or school office. Please have completed form(s) turned into the office.

GIVING STATEMENTS:

The 2025 giving statements have been mailed and you should be receiving them soon. Please notify the office if there are any discrepancies.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

JUNIOR YOUTH – POOL PARTY:

THIS Sunday, July 27th there will be a Pool Party at Freeburg pool! Families are invited as well! We have the pavilion from 4-5 and the pool from 5-7. Senior youth are invited as well and will show pictures and talk about the youth gathering experiences in New Orleans. We'll eat after senior youth presents and then swim at 5! Any questions please contact Erin Kuehn @ 618 581-5928.

SENIOR YOUTH – NEW ORLEANS STYLE DINNER:

Upon our return from the Senior Youth gathering, we invite you to a New Orleans themed dinner where we will share our experiences from the gathering on Sunday, August 10th at 6 p.m. If you would like to support us financially, please make checks payable to St. John's Senior Youth in the offering plate or drop off at the school office. Thank you.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Deuteronomy 6:6–7

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Peggy Koen who died in the Lord last Thursday at the age of 95 years. She will receive a Christian funeral in Park Hills, MO on Friday, July 25th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

SUMMER FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Join us at our Intergenerational Sunday School on Sundays! It is held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30a.m. This class will be engaging and educational for ALL ages as we look at "What's in The Bible." There will be a weekly video, activities for our kids and a time of discussion for all. Hope to see you there! ~Pastor Mark

MEMBERSHIP CLASS & CATECHISM STUDY:

All are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings in the Church Fellowship Hall 6pm for a walk through our catechism. This will lead to membership for those desiring to join the church, and for our members, it will strengthen your walk with God. We'll be using our new 2017 catechism; if you would like to order one it will be \$20 (or \$35 for a large print) and Pastor Mark will take orders during the first class. Hope to see many of you there!

FISH FRY BENEFIT:

St. John's Lutheran in Sparta (1110 North Market Street) will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, August 7th from 4-7 p.m. to benefit Jen Falkenheim's medical expenses. Dine in or Carry Out! \$15 Dinner includes: fish, choice for two sides, homemade dessert, and a drink. Kids meals and fish sandwiches are available. Thank you for your support!

SONSHINE GROUP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with visiting members of our congregation who are shut-in. You may set your own schedule for your visits, whether it is weekly or monthly, at The Garden Place or other care centers. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our church while sharing the love of Jesus with our members. The rewards are great as you create a lasting friendship with these dear members which not only brings joy to them, but also to your own heart! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathy Liefer at 618-830-0481 or please attend our next meeting on Sunday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

CEMETERY WORKDAY

On Saturday, August 23, at 8am, work will be done at our cemetery to fill and level graves, seed new grass, remove old flowers and decorations in the grass around tombstones, and weed eat. Please remove in advance anything in the grass around the tombstones that you want to keep. Anything left in the grass will be disposed of. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with this work. Please bring work gloves, rakes, weed eaters, etc. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

7/27- Wilma Schleifer, Maya Macbeth; 7/28- John Kellerhouse, Jean Niemeyer, Travis Krick, Kody Schoenbeck, Kendall Crafton, Annika Herriman, Brynlee Gramenz; 7/29- Aaron Runge, Stephanie Liefer, Nicholas Voges, Hayden Mounts, Atlee Thien; 7/30- Scott Fehr, Adrienne Vallett, Blakelyn Heller; 7/31- Chelsea Schrader, Tanner Valleroy, Kelly Pollard, Damon Renner; 8/1- Chad Langrehr, Sarah Heller, Lanie Honer, Colt Hess; 8/2- David Donjon, Jacqueline Roy,

Jennifer Becker-Roscow, Melissa Doeding, Alicia Stellhorn, Laney Liefer, Brooke Moses, Cooper Buch.

PART-TIME JOB OPORTUNITY:

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Sunday morning service ONLY. Training provided. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See Leonard Salger or Justin Palm.

SPREADING THE WORD:

Wow! The last several weeks we have heard Biblical texts and sermons about spreading the Good News that Jesus saved us from hell. We need You, our congregation, to help us spread the word! An informational meeting will be held on August 10th at 5p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will pass out pamphlets about our church and school on August 23rd. Hope to see everyone there! Any questions, call Bruce at 618-521-0028.

SUMMER 'OPEN GYM':

St. John's will make its gym available now to the end of July for individual volleyball and basketball use during school office hours, 8am - 4pm, from Monday to Friday. Please contact the office for details and the necessary paperwork that must be signed by a guardian. *Mr. Palm*

GROUNDS USAGE:

Dear congregation members, the City of Red Bud has requested to store rock and pipe for a project they plan to complete in late June or early July on the Southeast corner of our school site. Delivery of materials will start soon or may have already started by the time you read this message. Approval to allow this was given by our Board of Parish Education and the Church Trustees. *Thank you, Mr. Palm.*

2025-2026 SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

St. John's Lutheran School registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! You may register student(s) virtually on our Linktree at <https://linktr.ee/stjl808>. Check out our Facebook post for more information. Registration forms must be submitted by July 31st to avoid the \$25 per student late fee.

BACK TO SCHOOL:

Mark your calendars for the Open House at school on August 4th from 5-7 p.m. and the First Day of School on August 12th.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights:

Ruth Hecht, Paul Schrieber; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Kenneth & Geraldine Koester.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttman, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman; Waterloo: Gary Schwartzkopf.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman-Elder Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6 : P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – Z- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?” A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Getting the Talk Started”

God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. (Luke 11:1). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses involve more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. Human lives embody spiritual matters because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God’s hands (Psalm 138:8). Who needs abortion or assisted suicide when the Heavenly Father urges us to ask for, expect, and await miracles (Luke 11:9-10)?

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We may face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The Lord gives us a charitable heart but where should we direct our charitable intent? A plan for charitable giving from your estate might need to be updated periodically as ministries you have favored

might reach the end of their active lifespan in God's Kingdom. Do you need to review your choices? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) we are continuing our study of the Psalms. This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 50, 57, 67, 73, and 80. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we begin a new study of the book of Galatians! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.)! This week is Bach week, and we have some special episodes lined up to celebrate! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUEO Radio app!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who attended, and passed on kind words to the employees, families, and students. We appreciate you all so much!

Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to help pay ongoing school expenses like utilities.

Contacting COS: Effective August 1, COS will no longer have telephone service. If you need to contact us, you can send a private message to COS on our Facebook page.

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

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

CASEY'S REWARDS:

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

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

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

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

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz
First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy
Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder
Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Kristin Wolter
Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel
Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan
Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss
Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck
School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm
Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Ashlynn Crafton, Ally Hodges, Christine Liefer, Haley Ehler, and Reagan Birkner.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (8 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker
(10:30 a.m.) Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sutton Jones; (8 a.m.) Finn Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Ella Cowell
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke
(10:30 a.m.) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breanne Muench
Flower Servers: Sharon Henke Paraments: Virginia Moeller