

The Epistle

MAY 2026

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Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.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

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FROM THE DESK OF REV. MARK WINKELMAN

*"But you are a **chosen** race, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, a people for **his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." ~1 Peter 2:9*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Summer is soon upon us and I know many are looking forward to a getaway, a break, some downtime. We all need rest. I myself will be taking some vacation time to recharge and return refreshed and ready to serve again. There is nothing unusual about this, God Himself rested on the 7th day - taking time to rest is a part of creation's fabric. Even Jesus gave us the example of taking a nap to recharge His body. However, we must not forget what true rest is. Jesus said, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Trying to find rest apart from Christ will leave us unfulfilled and weary, no matter how much physical relaxation we achieve, for our souls will remain disturbed, burdened, and anxious. Often, we forget who's we are. We try to control our own lives and do what we feel is best for us. However, Peter reminds us exactly who we are in his first Epistle. I've made bold the key words for us above, pointing out the descriptive words - all of

which are done to us. God has chosen us. God has made us royalty. God has made us holy. God has made us His own.

Apart from God we are nothing. We are lost, condemned, burdened, guilty, and dead. Trying to find rest apart from He who gives it freely is vanity of vanities, a chasing after the wind. I urge you dear brothers and sisters to not seek your rest this summer outside of God's Word, apart from Christ who gathers us together. Rather throw yourself more into God's freely given gift of rest in His Word and Sacrament.

Then the more you rest in His care, drawing closer to God, the more you will find your life reflecting that rest to the world. Peter says God chose us for this reason - to proclaim His excellencies to the world. If you do go on vacation and find a wonderful place in God's creation, when you return do you not proclaim its excellencies to others? We are quick to share the joys of this world so that others might enjoy it too, but we are slow to proclaim the excellencies of our God who created this world for us, who chose us and called us to be His. Do we not want them to enjoy the great gifts of God?

I pray this summer you find rest for your body AND soul; that you continue to gather together with us to receive the Word of God - the forgiveness of your sins which is true rest. And should you travel, let us hear of how you joined with our family in Christ elsewhere in receiving rest, and let our neighbors hear of all the excellent things God has done for you even more than they hear of all the excellent things you have done in the hopes that they too will come to find true rest in Jesus Christ.

Now may the God who, in Christ chose you - brought you into His royal family - set you apart as holy ones - made you His own, give you rest each and every week before sending you back out into the world to proclaim His excellencies so that more and more may come to Him for their rest. Amen.

FROM THE DESK OF REV. BRIAN NOWAK

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, HE HAS RISEN!! HE HAS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!

I pray that everyone had a happy, safe, and enjoyable Easter.

The day of Easter may be over, but it will not be forgotten. The events of Lent and Easter have made a lasting imprint upon all of our hearts and minds. An imprint made by the suffering Christ underwent. An imprint as a result of the scourging that He underwent at the hands of the Roman Soldiers. Yes, we certainly have

an imprint as we think of Him hanging and dying there upon that cross.

Yet we can rejoice because we know that on Easter morning Christ rose victoriously from the grave. He was resurrected, conquering sin, death, and the devil. This was and will always be the greatest victory in history. It is through this victory that we have received a new life in Christ Jesus. Yes, the day of Easter may have passed, but it certainly will not and cannot be forgotten. Everything Christ did, He did for you and me. He accomplished everything so that all who believe and trust in Him as their Lord and Savior would receive the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life with Him in heaven forever.

Easter Day may be over, but we now enter into the Season of Easter. This is a 50-day celebration extending from EASTER Sunday to Pentecost. A 50-day period of time that keeps us focused on celebrating and remembering Christ's resurrection. Easter is not just one day, but a way of life for those of us who are in Christ Jesus.

However, it's not even about celebrating Christ's resurrection for 50 days. We are constantly celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead because of what it means for us. Again, it means life and salvation for all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. For us, as Christians, remembering Christ's Resurrection from the dead is more than a certain period of time because each Sunday is like a mini-Easter celebration. Therefore, we can never forget Christ's resurrection.

God's Blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak

From Your Director of Christian Education

The month of May is upon us! As I reflect on the recent eighth grade class trip, I am thankful for the 23 students, 12 guests, and 23 parents/families that were blessed with many wonderful, planned experiences April 10-18. Instead of the article that students usually write for the North County News, I will be compiling the class work that the students will be working on using a QR code and link to see all of the stops we made in a Google Presentation.



We will be ending Sunday school classes on May 17. I would like to thank the faithful group of teachers, helpers, and school board members that serve our students in this wonderful ministry. Look for an announcement in August for Rally Day!



Mark your calendars for June 15-19 as plans are being made for our week of VBS under the theme, *Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*. Helpers will be needed, The season of learning never stops!

The WE DO LEGO Stem Camp will not be held this summer in July. We need to invest in new kits and software that works. I also will be on a family vacation and attending the Synodical Convention in Phoenix.

I conclude with 2 Thessalonians 2:13 "But we ought to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." Serving our Risen Lord, DCE Bill Becker

From Lutheran Hour Ministries

May 13, 2007

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. Proverbs 31:10-11

Amazingly, this Mother's Day devotion is being written at my mother's kitchen table. She is sitting opposite me doing her daily crossword puzzle. Already today, she has cleaned the house, gone shopping, prepared food for her grandson's confirmation, and is baking goodies for church Bible class. Sitting next to mom is my wife Pam, who has been equally busy and had the added burden of dealing with me. Both are exceptional Christian women, wives, and mothers, and are far more valuable than rubies. With today's prices, you might even say they were worth their weight in gasoline.

That's an opinion that was shared last week by the Massachusetts firm, Salary.com. This company, which calculates what a person should be paid, has said that if mothers were reimbursed for their work they would earn around \$140,000 a year. Sound like a lot? Not for a person

who puts in a 92 hour week by being a housekeeper, day-care provider, teacher, cook, computer operator, launderer, janitor, domicile engineer, chauffeur, CEO, and psychologist. If you take all the jobs performed by a traditional mom, and paid her accordingly, she would bring in \$138,095 a year.

And she would be worth every penny.

But I'm not just talking about "moms" here. I'm talking about Christian moms.

* A Christian mom may never have given biological birth, but she still reflects the love she has been given by Jesus to the children of those who have.

* A Christian mother may never be featured in the pages of People magazine, but she knows that she is high on the list of Jesus' most beautiful people according to the wee ones entrusted to her care.

* A Christian mother may not love more, but she loves longer, knowing that the Savior's story she shares speaks of eternity to generations yet unborn.

* A Christian mother knows she is a saved sinner entrusted with the upbringing of sinners who are smaller. She also knows that the word "saved" makes all the difference in her conduct of that trust.

This is why on this Mother's Day, Christian children, even those who are 58-years-old, give thanks to the Lord for having let us meet Christian mothers and wives.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, even as You bestowed a great honor upon Mary, Your mother, You have given a great trust to Christian mothers. May they be given every gift they need to be Your representatives in their homes. In Your name, Amen.

A Musical Moment

As I write this, the K-8 students are working hard to present their annual Spring Musical this Friday! This year, the musical is called "Race Day," and it encourages all of us to run the race of faith that God has planned out for each and every one of us!

One particular song from this musical sticks out to me. It's called "Keep Going." The lyrics are as follows: "When the road gets rough, keep going. And when times get tough, keep going. You're not alone. God sees and knows what you're going through. So keep going, keep going." Now that we're into May and the Last Day of School is right around the corner, I think all teachers and students can relate to this song! We've been in school since the middle of August. We're tired. We need a break. Many of us have vacations planned and swimming pools to open. We just need the school year to end! Nevertheless, we've got to "keep going", even when it's tough! As I tell my students often, "Let's finish out strong!"

Whatever we're going through in life, whether it's a long school year, a long illness, a drawn-out personal or family problem, or a mental health struggle, we know that God is always with us and will help us to "keep going." Take the times of physical, mental, and spiritual rest that He has given to us. Take a day off. Read the Bible. Attend church. Take a long nap. Spend time in prayer outside on a beautiful day. Enjoy a casual outing with friends. By doing so, we better pace ourselves to run our (at times!) rather difficult race! God will be with us through it all and will lead us to the finish line!

Speaking of the finish line, the Last Day of School is May 18th . It's coming soon! I plan on taking a much-needed vacation from May 27-31st. I will return to work for "summer duties" on June 1st refreshed and rejuvenated. I hope and pray that all of you receive the refreshment you need as Well! Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

K & 1 Service Project

Kindergarten and First Grade will begin a service project on April 20. We will again be helping the Royal Table and Musketeer Market supply their students in need with snacks for the summer. We will also have snacks available for our own school families. Families in need, at St. John's, may contact the school office. We are using Thrivent Matching Gift Cards to purchase some of the snacks. We are also asking our students and their families to help with donations of food or cash. The following snacks are needed: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of cheese crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, applesauce, small bags of chips. A collection site will be set up in the school lobby where you can leave any donations by May 8. After May 8, kindergarten and first grade students will package the snacks in separate bags to make distributing the snacks more convenient. Thanks for your help.

From the LCMS Foundation

Rene said to her good friend Cheryl, "I really don't like the idea of sharing much about my personal life with other people. I am very private. That's why I haven't moved forward with my estate plan revisions after Peter died. I just don't want to tell everyone what I am thinking about, and what I am planning to do. Cheryl responded, "Didn't you go to the doctor last month, to deal with your fear that you might have cancer?"

"Well yes, I did. What is your point?" "My point is that you openly shared your fears with your doctor, talked about some very personal symptoms and allowed the doctor to run tests. I am so thankful you got a good report. Seeking the help of someone who will care about you, who understands how to get you organized, who can keep

you on track and who can share a wealth of information about how to achieve your goals, is the same thing. It's good to be assisted by someone who has compassion and experience. I worked with the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor after a presentation they did at Church. They were very helpful. I had some work to do but because of the counselor we dug in, I made some decisions, I completed work with my attorney and now I have peace of mind knowing I have a good plan in place."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you as well with their care, organizational skill and charitable gift planning expertise. To get started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.



On Sunday, May 3rd, St. John's Lutheran Church and School will observe the retirement of long-time kindergarten teacher, Betty Schmitz, with an open house starting at 1:00 pm and lasting till 3:00 pm.

Mrs. Schmitz is a native of Okawville and a graduate of Okawville High School. She continued her education at McKendree College, graduating in 1980. Betty later completed her Colloquy program at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest in 1982.

She was first called by St. John's Lutheran Church and School to teach kindergarten in 1994. Mrs. Schmitz started the kindergarten program at St. John's and has maintained it for the last thirty-two years. During that time, she has worked with seven aides in her classroom, including Verla Salger, Doris Koch, Paige Dilley, Elizabeth Schaefer, Nola Vallett, Patty Schnepel, and, most recently and longest, Mrs. Shawn DeRousse. Also aiding the program over the last two years were co-op students from Red Bud High School, Zandra Harless, Claire Diewald, and Tess Simpson. However, she has only ever needed one evaluator of student knowledge, Mrs. Marie Voges. Thank you to all the above-listed

people and the many volunteers who have helped Mrs. Schmitz throughout her career at St. John's.

Throughout Betty's time at St. John's, she has created many lasting traditions. There is a photobook commemorating each and every year she taught kindergarten. She started and still coordinates Baptismal Birthday Celebrations, Bibles for kindergarteners, Chocolate Nights, Family Fun Nights, 100-day activities, and has become St. John's esteemed songwriter for faculty events.

She and her husband, Wayne, were married in 2000 amid a December blizzard. They have lived in Red Bud ever since and just recently moved to a new home, which is better suited to hosting their family's holiday celebrations. Betty's children include, Danielle and husband Matt, Christopher and wife Jen, Emma and husband Nathan, and Colleen and husband Aaron. Betty enjoys spending time with all her grandchildren Aden, Avery, Lucas, Brayden, Jackson, Max, Piper, Ty, Sam, and Leighten. She feels very blessed to watch some of them be the second generation of her family to attend St. John's.

The congregation, her fellow staff members, and former and current students all wish Mrs. Schmitz God's Blessings on the next stage of her life and service in Jesus name and likely at St. John's.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A Retirement Open House

CELEBRATING MRS. BETTY SCHMITZ

SUNDAY	3 MAY	1 - 3PM
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Students are asked to sing Pearly White Gates at 1 PM

Old Gym
808 S. Main St.
Red Bud, IL 62278

Principal's Pen

Our school attended the Regional Office of Education Monroe/Randolph Co. Spelling Bee on April 22. The students who represented our school were Claire Sachtleben, Aubrey Valleroy, Holden Wagner, and Sophia Zieger. We thank those students and parents who took the time to participate in this academic event.

The 8th-grade students, parents, and guests traveled to Washington DC and other historic sites from April 10 to April 18. The group visited the Creation Museum. The following day they arrived at Monticello for a house and grounds tour. Jamestown followed, and the students enjoyed Colonial Williamsburg. Mount Vernon was the first stop on the next day, followed by the Memorials in our Nation's Capital. A solemn stop at Arlington National Cemetery, followed by visiting Ford's Theater, with a stop at the War Memorials to finish the day. Gettysburg was the biggest attraction of the next day with the Battlefield Tour. As the group headed closer to home, they were privileged to see the Flight 93 Visitors Center and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum. What a trip with over 2000 miles traveled and many once-in-a-lifetime sights seen; thank you, Mr. Becker.

We thank our PTL for planning Teacher and Staff Appreciation the week of May 4-9. We are blessed to have such support from our school PTL and congregation.

The students are looking forward to having the end-of-the-year field trips. Grades four and five attended Weather Bash at Busch Stadium on April 15, grades six and seven visited the Zoo for a career's presentation on April 16th, grades two and three will visit the science center on April 27, and grades Kindergarten and one will visit the Zoo on May 7, and. Eighth grade will also make a trip to the Saxony Lutheran Memorial and Historical Center if time allows.

As you can tell, we have some very busy weeks ahead. Our students have had some warm and some cold days for track meets. However, the runners have been working very hard during their events. They competed in the Okaw Valley Conference Meet on April 8 with the girls' team scoring the second most points and earning a 2nd place finish and the boys' team leading all teams by nearly thirty points. The junior meet only had a few participants as it coincided with Weather Bash, which kept all but our sixth-grade runners. A school record was set during the long jump competition, and we look forward to seeing the new name on the record board for the long jump in the junior records area. The season has been fun, and we have had many students qualify for Lutheran State on May 16 and 17th; we hope to represent

the school well. Congratulations to Evan Muench (Long Jump, 100, & 200), Aubrey Kiefer (Long Jump), Max Voss (Shotput), Payton Liefer (Shotput), Amelia Cheek (High Jump), Lucas Summers (High Jump, 100, & 200), Easton Ruebusch (Hurdles), Ella Birch (1600), and a 4x200 that included Evan, Easton, Colton, and Lucas.

Our Sports Awards night will be May 19 in the old gym. The last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year will be May 18 with an 11:00 dismissal. Graduation will take place on May 14 at 7 p.m. in the old gym. The faculty will make plans for the upcoming year on May 19-21 and 26-28. Registration/Book Night will take place on Wednesday, July 8, from 4-7 p.m.

My fourth school year as principal is coming quickly to a close, and I cannot believe how fast it has gone. The business of the school year really makes time fly, and I look forward to Summer and a time of preparation and planning for the 2026-2027 school year. We will welcome two new teachers: Reagan Birkner as our kindergarten teacher and Lara Vause returns as our part-time resource teacher. Mrs. Kristin Sachtleben will move from part-time to full-time next year, and I highly anticipate the amazingsness that will bring. We hope to make some exciting changes to help educate every child at the highest level, and we will start the year off with renewed vigor and excitement.

May the Lord bless and strengthen you, Mr. Justin Palm

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus' generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: "The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity" (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but

willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

Evening Guild News

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at the 1860 Public House Restaurant, Red Bud, in the Texaco Room for a Dutch Treat dinner. Everyone will order from the menu. Guests and husbands are welcome. Devotions by Brenda Gilpatrick. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

Quilting: The schedule for May is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.



Men’s Club Meeting

The Men’s Club will meet on May 7. This is one week earlier than normal. We will begin at 6:30 with a fish fry meal in the shed behind the church. This is our last meeting before a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be on September 3rd, beginning with a BBQ meal.

Junior Youth

Next Junior Youth event will be on Friday, May 1st after school until 4:30(might go slightly later). We will be meeting in the lunchroom and making a Mother’s Day door hanging. The kids get to choose from 4 designs and can give to mom, grandma, neighbor, or anyone they choose!

Senior Youth

The Senior Youth will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 17 in the basement at noon.

Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Women’s Bible Study on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. They have almost finished with Provoking Proverbs! So, keep a look out in the bulletin and the June Epistle for more details soon. For any questions, contact Chris Doerr 618-343-5329.

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be May 17. We encourage families to join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall for continued religious instruction.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2028

YARD Sale

★ CLOTHES • DECOR • FURNITURE & MORE ★

MAY 21 - THURSDAY = 4:00PM - 7:00PM

MAY 22 - FRIDAY = 4:00PM - 8:00PM

MAY 23 - SATURDAY = 8:00AM - 1:00PM

ADDRESS -
808 SOUTH MAIN STREET - RED BUD

Proceeds of the Yard Sale benefit the class's trip to
Washington D.C. trip!
Class of 2028

May Servers

Flowers: Cindy Ebers & Nola Vallett
 Paraments: Carol Turner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

3/29/2026 – Geraldine Koester
 3/30/2026 – Wilma Schleifer

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

Transfer in – Cole Diercks



Calling All Graduates

Eighth grade graduation for St. John’s Lutheran School will be Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in our school’s old gym. We want to include the names of all St. John’s members who are graduating from any level of education during this school year. Please contact our office with those names. We will include them in the June Epistle.

Acolyte Schedule

- Sat. May 2 5 p.m. Cooper Wingerter
- Sun. May 3 8:00 a.m. Layla Kilpatrick
10:30 a.m. Brayden McCarthy
- Sat. May 9 5 p.m. Aiden Arbeiter
- Sun. May 10 8 a.m. Conner Liefer
10:30 a.m. Kaydence Proctor
- Sat. May 16 5 p.m. Claire Doeding
- Sun May 17 8 a.m. Lucy Kuehn
10:30 a.m. Lauren Mehring
- Sat. May 23 5 p.m. Aubrey Valleroy
- Sun. May 24 8:00 a.m. Henry Schnepel
10:30 a.m. Amelia Cheek
- Sat. May 30 5 p.m. Sophia Zeiger
- Sun. May 31 8:00 a.m. Elle Sutton
10:30 a.m. Harper Mounts

*If you’re **unable** to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte scheduled **and** contact our office with the changes. Thank you!*

Worship Greeters

- Sat. May 2 5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
- Sun. May 3 8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Chris Doerr
10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
- Sat. May 9 5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
- Sun. May 10 8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke
10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
- Sat. May 16 5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
- Sun May 17 8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf
- Sat. May 23 5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
- Sun. May 24 8 a.m. Chris Doerr & Lisa Quinn
10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert
- Sat. May 30 5 p.m. Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier
- Sun. May 31 8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer
10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
St. John’s Lutheran School May 4 - 8
Relax • Refresh • Recharge

This week is all about celebrating our teachers and staff - their hard work, dedication, and the countless ways they make a difference every day! Below are the events PTL has planned for the week. We have also included ways that students and families can join in on the fun and show teachers and staff how much we all appreciate them! Recess/Lunch coverage and staff favorites lists can be found in the Cougar Tracks!

Monday May 4 th	<p>Comfort Food Kick Off</p> <p>Enjoy a delicious Breakfast Burrito to fuel your day!</p> <p>Idea for students: Compliment or say thank you to a teacher or staff member all day long!</p>	Tuesday May 5 th	<p>Treat Yourself Tuesday</p> <p>Grab the Self-Care Goodie Bag placed in your school mailbox!</p> <p>Idea for students: Bring your teacher their favorite sweet or salty snack!</p>
Wednesday May 6 th	<p>Midweek Reset</p> <p>Don't stress about what's for lunch! Enjoy a Taco Bar Lunch on us!</p> <p>Idea for students: Bring your teacher a needed school supply!</p>	Thursday May 7 th	<p>Unwind & Connect</p> <p>Take a break and unwind at the Lieferbrau Fellowship Hour from 3:30-5:30 PM.</p> <p>Idea for students: Write a thank you note, draw a picture, or make a card for your teacher or a staff member!</p>
Friday May 8 th	<p>Feel Good Friday</p> <p>Wrap up the week with a Coffee Bar & Light Breakfast to help get you to your well-deserved weekend!</p> <p>Idea for students: High-five Friday! Give your teachers and staff high-fives to say thanks for all they do!</p>	<p>Thank you for helping your student(s) participate in this celebration of our deserving teachers and staff!</p> <p>♥ SJL PTL</p>	

May

Church and School Calendar

Friday, May 1- **Pastor Mark Winkelman on Vacation 4/30-5/5**

9:00 a.m. All School Chapel
3:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Craft event

Saturday May 2-

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

Sunday, May 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
1:00 p.m. Open House for Mrs. Schmitz in the Old Gym

Monday, May 4-

Golf Regionals
1:00 p.m. RBHS Ag Day
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday, May 5- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 6- **Pastor Mark Winkelman returns to office**

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel
9:00 a.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, May 7-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting
6:30 p.m. Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, May 8-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, May 9-

SID Track Meet
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, May 10- **Happy Mother's Day**

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, May 11-

Golf State
3:15 Faculty Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room
Tuesday, May 12- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall



Wednesday, May 13-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. All School Chapel
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, May 14-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation at school

Friday, May 15-

Saturday, May 16- **Ascension Day Observed**

LSA Track

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

Sunday, May 17- **Ascension Day Observed**

LSA Track

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

Monday, May 18- **Last Day of School – 11:00 a.m. Dismissal**

8:30 a.m. All School Chapel
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

Tuesday, May 19- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering at 1860 Public House
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 20-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, May 21-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
Class of 2028 Yard Sale Begins

Friday, May 22- **Epistle Articles Due!!**

Saturday, May 23- **Day of Pentecost Observed**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Class of 2028 Yard Sale Ends

Sunday, May 24- **Day of Pentecost Observed**

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

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

Monday, May 25- **Office closed - Memorial Day**

Tuesday, May 26- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 27- **Pastor Winkelman on Vacation 5/25-6/7**

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, May 28-

Friday, May 29-

Saturday, May 30- **Trinity Sunday Observed**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, May 31- **Trinity Sunday Observed**

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