

The Epistle

OCTOBER 2026

St. John's Lutheran Red Bud, Illinois

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Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**.

1 Corinthians 10:13 – No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

The story had the elements of a horror movie. Trapped. In the dark. Buried alive. No way out. That was the experience of 13 young men from Thailand who ventured into a cave one afternoon in the summer of 2018. During their spelunking excursion, monsoon rains came early, flooding the two miles of cave they had just passed through, trapping them inside for 17 days. When it was all over, the boys became over-night famous, but they didn't see themselves as heroes. The real heroes of the story were the thousands who joined the effort to rescue them, with a critical contribution coming from a rag tag team of eccentric, amateur cave divers, whose peculiar interest in an odd hobby made the life and death difference.

The dive out through the murky cave water was so treacherous, the boys had to be put under anesthesia, then carefully floated out one at a time by these weekend warriors, who told the boys, simply, "You'll get a shot in

each leg, fall asleep, and wake up, safe." Inside the rescue effort, it wasn't so simple. One estimate was that half the boys would die in the attempt. The doctor who administered the anesthesia feared that none of them would survive. When all 13 were safely brought out, a grateful parent said to one of the divers, "On behalf of all the parents I want to thank you. It's like our children have died and been given another life."

Sometimes, when I hear the Bible verse today taken out of context, especially the part about God not giving me more than I can handle, I imagine myself as the hero of the story—that the passage is saying that it's up to me to make a way out of my temptations and trials, that I need to handle it. But the emphasis of this passage is not on our ability, but God's. The truth is that God is faithful, and we can handle very little, and by our own power, nothing at all. God does call us to participate in the rescue, to not cave under temptation, to help our neighbors in need. But in the end, the *way out* is simply to fall asleep in the arms of the crucified and risen Jesus and let Him do His work.

Author David Zahl, in his book *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World*, compares our situation to the boys of the 2018 Thai cave rescue. He writes, "Because of God's grace, it is not up to you to free yourself from captivity ... Rescuer is God's job description. [But] maybe job is the wrong word though, because God is not obliged to rescue anyone. Rescue isn't his burden but his delight—the sort of thing he'd do on weekends if the opportunity arose. God doesn't have to save; he loves to save."

WE PRAY: Dear Father, thank You for Your eccentric grace. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

FROM THE DESK OF REV. MARK WINKELMAN

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. ~ St. Paul, Galatians 1:9

As we enter the (finally!) cooler weather of Fall, enjoying the crisp air of October, we in the church begin to wind down the church year. As the season of Pentecost winds down I want us to realize that this season, which encompasses half of the church year, is all about the growth of The Church and focuses upon the teachings of Christ. We also close the month of October with the celebration of the Reformation. The day Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg (Oct 31, 1517).

The importance of both Pentecost and the Reformation is in the understanding of Paul's warning to the Church in Galatia. The Gospel had been preached to them, but St. Paul knew that Satan cannot and will not sit idly by while the Word of God converts the heathen and strengthens the

believers. Once Paul left Galatia, Satan attacked; and he attacked the way he always attacks, by going after God's Word. From the beginning of time Satan has attacked through deception, lies, and sowing doubt in God's clear Word, just as he did with Eve by asking, "did God really say?"

My dear friends in Christ, the same remains true today, Satan at work getting the world to doubt God's truth and believe a lie. As time draws to a close it is more imperative than ever to be on guard against the antichrist. The Antichrist will seek to destroy your faith by spreading lies and attacking God's truth. Jesus - the way, the truth, and the life, warned us to "*beware of false prophets*" in Matthew 7:15; and St. John wrote "*every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*" 1 John 4:3

How are we to remain firm in God's Kingdom? Luther knew the answer, and you know it, too - though you must be reminded again and again (just like Luther!); the answer is to remain in God's Word. The better you know the truth and the closer you draw to Christ, the more apparent the lies of the Antichrist become. You can see it at work in the world - lies, deception, confusion, death. These are all clear signs that the evil one is at work, and they should be warnings to you to draw ever nearer to Christ.

For this reason I began our Wednesday evening service, and for this reason I will start walking through our Catechism and Confessions on Wednesday nights (6:30pm). I want you to know the truth, to stand firm in God's Word and not fall prey to the attacks of the evil one. Right now we at St. John's average about 30% of membership in attendance each week. We ought to be bothered greatly by this because our dear brothers and sisters in Christ are under attack and we must help them. "Our help is in the name of the Lord" and He calls, gathers, and enlightens us through His Word proclaimed.

Luther came to know this, and we celebrate that in the Reformation God's Word was made clear again for us, but we grow lazy and bored with it. We allow the bird to snatch the Word away, or the weeds to choke it out, and we fall away. Each week 70% of our sheep are lost. I pray that as you grow stronger in the Word you also go to work in the fields and bring in the harvest, go out into the hills and find the lost, and fight back against the gates of hell. This begins in our own homes, in our very hearts. Get into God's Word, bring your spouse and your kids with you in diving into His Word, gather them together in the home and in the church, then spread out to bring in your neighbors.

Just as the end of our Church year draws near, so does the end of our time in this world. Thanks be to God that He continues to send out His Word among us, calling us back to Him, reviving our souls, and sending us out to spread the good news that our enemy is defeated, that one little word can fell him - Jesus, the Word of God, given freely every week Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am & 10:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm. May Jesus, the Word of God, be ever in your hearts guarding you and on your lips saving you as you confess His name before the world.

P.S. Since our beloved shepherd Rev. Nowak has left for his new call at Good Shepherd, Frankfort, IL; I am thankful that our Lord has already raised up workers to assist me in the work here at St. John's. On some Saturday evenings you will see Rev. Ostlund from Wartburg (or others as needed), and in the school our 7th graders will see Rev. Stefanic from Renault. **My request for our members is to increase your love and care for one another;** and if you (or someone you know) has need of a pastoral visit (hospital, counsel, etc) please contact me through the office or by calling my cell phone (815)499-1135. Thank you.



From Your Director of Christian Education

On October 9 I will have the privilege to attend another CID/SID Teacher's Conference in Collinsville. This year's conference is extra special in that Bryce, and I will be presenting a sectional together titled, "Dad You are Getting too Old for this.....Son, You Have a lot to Learn Still."

Oct. 2 is the deadline for the addresses for college aged members to be included in this year's mailing. The first quarter of school will be wrapping up on October 8. The Senior Youth will be having a meeting on Oct. 11 at noon and assembling the care packages for our college aged members and graduates of St. John's to be mailed. The PTL will be holding the Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 16 from 4-7 pm in the old gym. Sunday, Oct. 18 we will observe Pastor Appreciation Day. Please see a separate invite with all pertinent information. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held October 20-22.

October 19-22 is Red Ribbon Week. Then on October 26 the Sunday school teachers will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the school's library. The quarterly Voter's Meeting will be Wednesday, October 28.

October is a busy month but with God's grace and favor we take each day as the Lord will provide for our daily earthly needs. He has provided already His best gift in His son Jesus and the work of forgiveness that He completed on the cross. We await the last day when He takes us and all believers with Him into Heaven!

Sola Gratia Sola Fide Sola Christus Sola Scriptura!
God's richest blessings! DCE Bill Becker

A Musical Moment

Welcome to October! Fall has officially arrived with pleasant, cool, crisp temperatures! I'm looking forward to watching the leaves change color this month. While I do love and enjoy every season, Fall is my favorite.

Fall is also "crunch time" for me. As I'm writing this article, I'm preparing Christmas music to present to Grades K-5 and 6-8 next week during school choir times. While it may seem very early to start working on Christmas services, the time does go by fast! The students need every bit of rehearsal time during the months of October, November, and the first part of December in order to present their school Christmas services well! This month, I will also prepare new Veterans' Day songs to start rehearsing with the students.

While I'm constantly looking and planning ahead for the next thing, it can be difficult to slow down and enjoy the present moment. I'm sure many of you feel the same way! This Fall, I'm challenging myself and you to relax, take a step back, and enjoy the beauty of the season we're in right now! Yesterday is the Past, Tomorrow is the Future. Today is a gift from God. That's why it's called The Present. May God be with us all as we seek to live out our present moments in Him! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

From the LCMS Foundation

Bill asked his friend, Mike, "Do you have an estate plan in place?" Mike answered, "I really am not very motivated to get after that task. Our children are far better off financially than we are, and they really don't need the small inheritance we will give them. So why bother?" Bill responded, "What a blessing that your children are so financially secure. But have you ever thought that you have something far more valuable to share with them? All their life, you have pointed them to Jesus. What would you think about summarizing that focus in one final statement that you include in your estate documents?" Mike replied, "I haven't thought about it before. I should have. But that does sound like something I should be doing. I don't want to put that off."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has some examples of Christian Preambles/Family Blessings. Even a simple worksheet, to get you started on the task of creating your concise statement of faith, as you exhort future generations coming after you to continue walking in the faith, just as you have.

For help getting started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.





LCMS Stewardship Ministry

It's in the Way that You Use It

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Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it. The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should

not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!



Principal's Pen

I love October! I look forward to the cool temperatures, apples, pumpkin patches, and football. The harvest is gathered as the days grow shorter. Fall is a wonderful time of year!

The Parent Teacher League is fully running the Cougar Prowl. We thank Lara Voss for transitioning the event to Ashley Eggemeyer and Lynne Koerber who will be heading the event. Last year, this fundraiser raised nearly \$10,000, and I look forward to it happening in October with a little cooler weather. Also, a big thank you to the many volunteers who will help to mark shirts and attend to students during the run.

Thank you to those who supported our Golf Scramble on Sept. 19. The event raised approximately \$5,200, which supports the sports uniform account and the athletic fund.

Thank you to our Grandparents Day committee and the teachers and staff who got the building ready for the Patriotic celebration. We were blessed to have so many grandparents and special guests at the event and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the chapel service and singing. God's blessings to you all on the historic 250 year for America.

A big change in our church and school happened as Pastor Nowak took a call to Frankfort, Illinois, and Mrs. Nowak said, "my marriage contract requires that I go with him". So, on September 18, Mrs. Schnepel organized a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Nowak, who have served St. John's for five and three years, respectively. We wish them God's Blessings on their new journey.

As Mrs. Nowak faithfully followed her husband and his Pastoral calling we at St. John's were in need of a preschool teacher. As I first talked with Miss Amanda in

Daycare to see if we could use some teachers to fill the various classes of preschool, she was generous enough to allow me to ask Mrs. Courtney Schnoebeck to fill the role full-time. When Courtney and I talked she asked for some time to consider the position and after five days of deliberation with her husband and family, she said yes. The Lord has again blessed us with a wonderful teacher with experience and a heart for St. John's; Praise be to God!

Congratulations to our girls' softball team as they earned the number 1 seed in the Regional Tournament. Their performance this season has helped them earn such a high seed, and they will face Valmeyer in the first round. In the championship round, the girls will face the New Athen Junior High School. We thank God for the abilities and talents that allowed these ladies to accomplish the above-mentioned feats.

The boy's baseball team has competed in the regional tournament as the sixth seed. During the first round they will face Chester coop; St. John Lutheran & St. Mary's Catholic. During the first round of tournament, the boys lost and now look forward to the upcoming basketball season. God's Blessings to the team as they prepare for that season.

Watkins sales will begin in October for students in grades 5-8 who participate in sports. The money earned from this fundraiser goes to the school uniform account. Please contact any student in sports or call the school office if you wish to place an order.

The students will have a few days off from school on October 9 is the Southern & Central Illinois Lutheran District Convention, and the 14th is the Columbus Day holiday. A Google Form will be sent home to the parents to sign up for meetings with your child/ren's teacher(s). Please be aware that we have one-hour early dismissal on October 20 and 22; when dismissal will be at 1:45 pm. October 23 is a no-school day because of conferences.

During your parent-teacher conferences, we as a school will have a Google Form for you to fill out as we prepare for our National Lutheran School Accreditation. We value your input and thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 16. The PTL needs a person or group of people to lead the dining room position that makes this event possible. We, as a school, are so thankful for volunteers and look for parents who have younger students to be apprentices to these seasoned veteran volunteers who coordinate the Fall Festival. Please watch the Cougar Tracks, student notes, and Sunday bulletins for updates for this event.

God's blessings, Mr. Justin Palm

2026-2027 School Faculty & Staff

Preschool: Courtney Schoenbeck

Kindergarten: Reagan Birkner

First Grade: Rachel Miller

Second Grade: Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade: Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade: Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade: Amanda Ruhmann

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom: Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom: Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben

Jr High Science: Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director: Scott Voss

Cooks: Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care: Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians: Wil Krick, Bob Schramm,

Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr

Daycare

Director: Amanda Falkenhain

Assistant Director: Kellie Shields

Kaitlyn Brown, Mycah Clements, Ava Clifford, Rayna Cox, Christy Deterding, Brittney Eichholz, Diane Everding, Angel Figueroa, Hailey Guebert, Zandra Harless, Pam Henry, Dakota Hohgreffe, Molly Huether, Betty Jones, Nicole Kadlec, Kristi Martel, Tori Muench, Olivia Noethen, Melissa Schilling, Danielle Schmitz, Kaitlin Schmitz, Tess Simpson, Cailee Strong, Madison Trask, Emma Trost, Deanna Ward, Alexa Wegener, and Amy Williams

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse

Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

Secretary: Joan Ruwald

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Board of Finance: Becky Biffar

Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr

Parish Education Chair: Jacob Arbeiter

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Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027:

(Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

- Zone 1:** D. Adams – R. Collins: David Reinhardt (618-967-7967)
Zone 2: S. Conboy – D/K Grohmann: Louis Stellhorn (618-623-8495)
Zone 3: N/E Grohmann – R/K Herriman: Ron Liefer (618-282-3950)
Zone 4: R. Herriman – T/E Krick: Gerald Hanebutt (618-317-4574)
Zone 5: W/M Krick – J. Maes: Kollin Liefer (618-830-7140)
Zone 6: P. Malik – L. Pensoneau: Stuart Langrehr (618-304-5082)
Zone 7: A/A Piel – D. Schrader: Kirk Liefer (618-282-8228)
Zone 8: J/D Schrader – B/C Turner: Michael Schnepel (618-363-9575)
Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – A. Zeller: Tyson Russell (618-612-6227)

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.*

Prayer of the Church

Military: Army- Zachary Beyer, Casey Vallett, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Giambelluca, 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, Jack Crafton, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure; **National Guard:** Jeremiah Brandt; **U.S. Coast Guard:** Brock Earl

Emergency Personnel: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Chad Buch, 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

Pray for Our Family of Faith at:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; **Oak Hill-Waterloo:** Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Elroy Stellhorn, Jody Winkelmann; **Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo:** June Lawrence; **Cedarhurst Memory Care:** Carolyn Stellhorn
Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Margaret Hanebutt. **Benedictine at The Shrine:** David Blankenship

Pray for Our Family of Faith at Garden Place:

Columbia: Pat Byer, Earl (Wayne) Ellner; **Red Bud:** Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Wayne & Elsie Miller, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Roy Worth

Pray for Our Family of Faith Confined in Home:

Don & Betty Fausz, Ruth Hecht, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Pearl Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Wanda Steele, Trudy Woolbright.

October Servers

Flowers: Jamie Korando

Paraments: Ella Hemmer Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

9/14/2026 – Transfer in of Glen & Ruth Guebert from St. John's Lutheran in Evansville
9/27/2026 – Baptism of Isaac Frederick Schrader

Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. If interested in attending and want to know more contact Chris Doerr at 618-343-5329 or chrisdoerr9@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat Event

Come join the fun at St. John's Annual Trick or Treat. All you ghost and goblins, fairies and witches, superheroes and villains, butterflies and lions come join the fun Saturday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:00pm.



Rain or shine, hot or cold the event will be in the school lobby. We are looking for individuals and businesses to participate and help make this a fun night for our church and community children. If you are interested in setting up a decorated table and handing out goodies to hundreds of excited costume-clad children, please contact Cindy Steele at eleetsc@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Come join the fun!



at

St. John's Lutheran School
Main Lobby

Saturday, October 31

5:00 - 7:00

Free hot dogs sponsored by Thrivent Financial



Voters' Assembly Meeting

On Oct. 28 our Third Quarter Voter's Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7:15 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH OPEN/CLOSERS

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers (Mike DeRousse, Kim Ellis, Becky Biffar, Jamie Korando, Beth Diwald, and Justin Palm) who help prepare our building for our weekly worship services. This is a great opportunity for those who have a heart for service and prefer to work behind the scenes. Typical duties include: Unlocking doors and turning on lights, Adjusting heating and cooling, Updating hymn boards, Refilling candles, & Ensuring the building is securely closed after the service. No experience is necessary (training will be provided), and you would be scheduled on a rotating basis so the commitment is minimal. Your help will ensure a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters. If you are potentially interested, please add your name to our list by contacting our church office at 618-282-3873 or by sending an email to office@stjohnsredbud.org. This is for information sharing purposes only and does not commit you to serving. We will simply use this list to gauge interest and provide more details on the responsibilities and rotation schedule, so you can decide if it's the right fit for you. Thank you for your consideration.

Senior Youth

We are meeting at noon on Oct. 11 and will be assembling the College Care Packages.

Junior Youth

Watch for the next activity's information in the Cougar Tracks, church bulletin, and Facebook posting.

Acolyte Schedule

The acolyte schedule has gone digital! Use this link to access the SignUpGenuis: <https://tinyurl.com/2zm52s62>

*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. Oct. 3	5 p.m. Volunteers Needed
Sun. Oct. 4	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Oct. 10	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 11	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert
Sat. Oct. 17	5 p.m. Volunteers Needed
Sun. Oct. 18	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Oct. 24	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 25	8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr 10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Oct. 31	5 p.m. Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services, starting on **October 3rd**. The only requirements, expectations, and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church. If interested in either one of those two options or both, please contact the office.

Men's Club

The next meeting will be on October 15 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening Guild News

October 4: LWML Sunday

October 20: Evening Guild meeting with guest speaker Erin Kuehn on "Operation Christmas Child." Hostesses: Patti Liefer, Lori Langrehr, and Nancy Langrehr

Mission Project for October: Operation Christmas Child – small toys and special gifts that fit in a shoebox for ages 2 to 14 (stuffed toy, jewelry, trucks, or something special for a young child). Place in the fellowship hall in a special box!

October 23: LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wine Hill, Steeleville, IL. Guest speaker: Alice Decker; Theme: "Mission Trips" Ingathering offering: 'MOST Ministries' Opening Devotions: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 8:30 a.m.

October 27: Immanuel Bunco Night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited for an evening of fellowship and bunco at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo, IL. Bring two nonperishable food items or pay \$2.00.

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



Church and School Calendar

Thursday, October 1-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, October 2-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, October 3- LWML Sunday

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

Sunday, October 4- LWML Sunday

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

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

10:15 a.m. Benefit BBQ for Whelan Medical Expenses

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, October 5

SID Pastor's Conference

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, October 6- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off

Fall Picture Day at School

SID Pastor's Conference

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

4:15 p.m. BB/SB vs Steeleville

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

1:35 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, October 8- End of 1st Quarter

RBAA Cross Country Meet

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

Friday, October 9- No School & No Before/After School Care

SID/CID Teacher's Conference

Saturday, October 10

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, October 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

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

Monday, October 12- No School/Office Closed for Columbus Day

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, October 13- 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, October 14-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

1:35 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Board for Parish Ed meeting

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion

Thursday, October 15-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting

Friday, October 16-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

4:00 p.m. Fall Festival Old Gym

Saturday, October 17-

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

7:00 p.m. Class of 2029's Glo Bingo Event

Sunday, October 18-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

12:00-3:00 p.m. Pastor Appreciation Shoe Factory @ Lieferbrau

Monday, October 19-

BBB B Trny @ PDR

GBB A Trny @ RBL

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, October 20- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off

P/T Conferences 3-8 p.m.

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

1:45 p.m. Early Dismissal

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 21- P/T Conferences 3:30-8 p.m.

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

1:35 p.m. Staff meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, October 22-

1:45 p.m. Early Dismissal

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, October 23- Epistle articles are due!!

No School

Saturday, October 24-

Hoops for the Cure

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, October 25-

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, October 26-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, October 27- 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

5:00 p.m. BBB vs SPPCS

6:00 p.m. GBB @ Chester Grade School

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

1:35 p.m. Staff meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion

7:15 p.m. Voter's Meeting

Thursday, October 29-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, October 30-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, October 31- Reformation/All Saint's Day

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

