The Epistle

NOVEMBER 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.
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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 Dr. Kari Vo.

Matthew 24:35-44 – [Jesus said:]"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

This is a picture of the last days we don't often hear about—a time when, in most people's eyes, life is going along smoothly, just as it always has. People are eating and drinking, farming and baking, doing the same things they always do. And then, bang! It's all over. Jesus is back, and ready or not, the world has to face Him.

After reading this, I can see the appeal of the *other* view of the last days of the world—you know, the one they make into movies and best-selling books. The one where there are famous villains and obvious miracles and charts of prophecies to tell you exactly what is supposed to happen when. The one where I have to wonder: how on earth could anybody be unprepared for Jesus' second coming?

But here, Jesus tells us how. Because even though all the words of the Bible must be fulfilled, from the point of view of most people, it will be life as usual. Wars? Well, yes, but then, we've always had wars. Earthquakes? Those too. Plagues? Odd things happening in nature? Persecution? People falling away from their Christian faith?

Those, too, are "business as usual." And so we must absolutely listen to the words of Jesus if we want to be ready and not think we'll just "know" when the time is near. We won't. Jesus tells us straight out: "Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

So those of us who love Him will do as He says, looking forward to His coming, and making sure that no matter when it happens, He catches us trusting in Him—trusting in the One who suffered, died, and rose again to make us God's own children. I want Him to find me doing what He's called me to do—following Him, caring for His people, and telling other people the Good News of Jesus.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord, set my heart on You, and let me be ready for You at all times. Amen.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you would like to renew, start, or cancel a subscription to our church's monthly magazine, The Lutheran Witness, please call our office by December 1st. Each issue is full of news, teaching and inspiration. The cost for next year is $27.85. Thank you!



From The Desk of Rev. Mark Winkelman

A JOY TO WORK TOGETHER

"Making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel"

My beloved family in Christ here in Red Bud, you have made this month of Thanksgiving an easy task for me. I thank you for truly filling my prayers with joy because of your outpouring of love. I echo St. Paul's writing to the church in Philippi when he said, "It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment…filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ." This fruit, your love and support for your church and school, comes because you are rooted in Christ and growing in the faith.

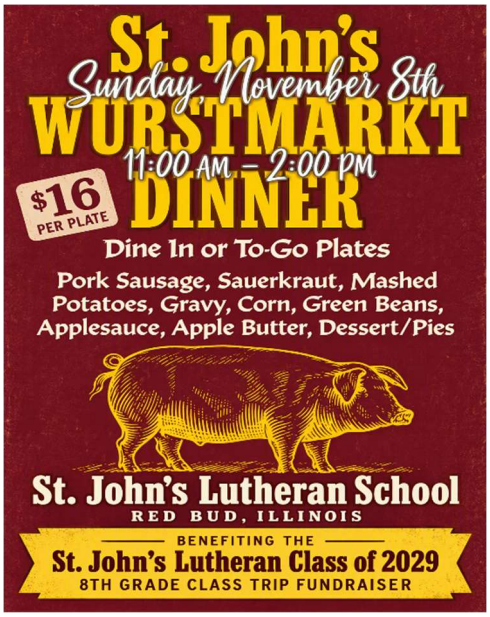
I rejoice to see more of you attending our Wednesday evening worship as we begin walking through the catechism, learning more about the faith we confess and are called to live out in our daily lives. I can overflow in thanksgiving as I see you grow in knowledge and love. In our Catechism's Table of Duties, for Pastors it quotes Titus 1:9, *"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."* This is my goal throughout my ministry and especially with the Wednesday service (and hopefully future Bible studies), to encourage you with God's Word to live your life for Christ. Right now we are walking through the 10 Commandments. You are always encouraged to join us at 6:30pm with the 50 or so other members in attendance.

Another section in the Table of duties addresses what the Hearers owe their Pastors, it includes Hebrews 13:7 which states, *"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."* Thank you for making my work filled with joy and also for taking care of me and my family as 1 Corinthians 9:14 commands. You have helped me immensely and so also my children, we are truly blessed by your love. More than that, having made my work among you a joy, I am spurred on to work even more to share God's blessings with you. Starting the Wednesday service was not a burden but rather a great joy because of your love and desire for God's gifts. Working together, with God's blessings, we will bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God.

The Table of Duties includes other verses for us to ponder such as Galatians 6:6-7 as we consider our support for our school - *"anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."* As we considered our work program (budget) this year I realized that I had not increased my own offering since I was installed in February of 2025. I have it automatically deducted and, to my shame, it had become a "set it and forget it" offering, like my bills. So I will be picking up a new ACH form and increasing my offering. I encourage you to consider the same as each year there's typically at least a cost of living increase for our staff. So, would you consider adding 3% or more to your offering to help our staff proclaim the love of Christ to our next generation? Especially if you haven't increased it recently like me? (i.e. if it's $10 can you go to $10.30, $50 to $51.50). However, let it not be done under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver, one who trusts in our Lord to provide for all our needs.

I struggle to write that because you've truly been a wonderful blessing to St. John's throughout its history; our District President even commended us in our support of the school, helping parents ensure they can send their children to a Lutheran school, rooting them in Christ. This historical impact is seen not only in our church membership but throughout our country as we send them off. You can read about some of this impact in the Alumni Newsletter. Your offerings helped create, grow, and sustain the faith of these now-adults; helped spread the impact of the Gospel near and far as they take what they received here at St. John's and share it with the world. My dear friends, a small increase in our offerings can make a large impact, our own Lord took 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed thousands; He can do much more with our small offerings, taking them and bringing more and more into His eternal kingdom. Stop and consider that - eternal kingdom. Our offerings support work which will last into eternity, changing the eternal future of some people. What joy! We ought to overflow with Thanksgiving as we stop and consider the fact that a few dollars could help bring about such an amazing change!

Thank you for growing with me in faith and love, partnering with me in the work of the Gospel, and spreading the good news of Jesus to the coming generations. May we who are rooted in Christ, continually be built up in the faith and bear good fruit; and may the Spirit stir the hearts of those we minister to and serve so that they may fill His Church with songs of thanks and praise this month and until the day He returns to bring us home. A truly Happy Thanksgiving can flow from our hearts all month long as we ponder the work of our Lord.



From Your Director of Christian Education

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34. There are several events planned for both the church and the school in November. Some highlights include the 6th Grade class hosting the Wurstmart on Nov. 8, a Veteran's Day program on Nov. 13, the 5th Grade class will also host the annual craft fair Nov. 14, the Junior Youth will be packing Operation Christmas Shoe boxes on Nov. 22, we will also be observing the national holiday of Thanksgiving on Nov. 26 with one church service on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Whatever events that are planned for us through church and school may we take the time to be thankful for all God provides for us through word and sacrament ministry. My favorite hymn is from LSB 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" verse one "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin: God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple; raise the song of harvest home." God's richest blessings! DCE Bill Becker

Principal's Pen

Greetings to all! We welcome November and remember so many things we are thankful for! We give thanks for the abundant blessings God gives us each day. As I think of how God has blessed us, our families, friends, neighbors, church family, and school family come to mind. We have been blessed, and I pray we can be a blessing to others because of the love God has bestowed on us.

The close of the softball season happened during the opening week of October. The young women of St. John's Lutheran School's softball team made it to the SIJHSAA state tournament. The softball team played their first State game on Saturday, October 3, in Marion, and the team beat the Waltonville Spartans 10 to 7. A team bus led to much camaraderie and team spirit on that trip and the following two bus trips that took place on October 6 and 8. However, on the second two trips, the Lady Cougars fell; first to St.Mary's/Willow Grove Coop and second to Patoka Junior High School. The third-place game was a very close one that lasted nine innings, and the girls fell just short of their first-ever third-place finish. We thank God for the blessings he brought the team this year.

The Cougar Prowl fun run will be held on October 30th in the gym, and we hope it is a great success. We thank God for the new volunteers that have stepped up to spearhead this event: Lynne Koerber and Ashley Eggemeyer. This event has become the PTL's largest fundraiser, aside from the dinner auction, and is a great help in providing the funds for technology, guest presenters, field trips, and so much more.

As if the Cougar Fun Run was not enough for some of our students, the cross country team competed in the Okawvalley Conference Meet during the first week of October as well. This event was a great chance for the runners to compete and compete well!! The boys' group had two runners from St. John's: Hayden Schlimme and Kolton Meier. We congratulate the girls who finished 2nd in the OVC Conference. The ladies who scored for the team are Ella Birch, Roxy Markotay, Kelly Pollard, Liza Wagner, and Avery Moll. Medaling in the girls' race were Liza Wagner and Kelly Pollard.

The Lutheran Sports Association Cross Country Meet also took place during October. Ella Birch and Kelly Pollard attended this meet, and both finished in the top 100 runners. Ella finished 26th with a time just above 14 minutes, and Kelly finished 94th. Great Job representing St. John's ladies.

Teachers attended the SID/CID Conference on October 9. We were greatly blessed to be able to attend this event where we could learn from some of the best Lutheran teachers around the state, grow closer in fellowship, and be strengthened and renewed for our service here at St. John's Lutheran. As an added bonus, we got to travel to Collinsville and have some staff bonding during the drive to and from the conference.

Awards were presented for the first quarter of the school year on October 22. The students receiving awards are recognized later in the Epistle!

The 8th grade will present Chapel on October 30 based on the Reformation. They will do this in the old gymnasium at 8:30 am for the entire school.

The basketball season has begun for boys and girls, along with cheerleading. Please watch the Cougar Tracks, bulletin, or calendar for a schedule of games. We are happy to welcome guests to be with us and enjoy the games.

As the Month of October came to a close, we were so glad to have the fall festival on October 16. We thank Tiffany Stellhorn, Kristin Satchleben, and Trevor Stellhorn, who headed up the main committees, and those who prepared for and worked the event. It was a blessing to see all the kids enjoying the event! The costume parade was a blast with some very creative ideas on display.

On the last day of October, we are happy to host trunk-or-treating in the New Gym Lobby from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Cindy Steele put together quite the event. Thank you to Dieterich Bank, St. John's Lutheran School, St. John's Junior Youth, St. John's Senior Youth, Carolyn Cooper, Sue Guebert, and Faye and David Reinhardt who are hosting booths that evening all who attended or supported our event!

On November 2nd, the 8th graders are taking their annual trip to Altenburg to learn about the Saxon Lutheran Migration. On November 5th, the entire junior high is taking a trip to the fall Rendezvous where many period-dressed presenters will teach the students about life in the 1700s in Illinois Country. On November 11th, we have no school in observance of Veterans Day. A very special Chapel will be held on November 13 at 9:00 a.m. as we welcome some local veterans and a special guest speaker for our students. On November 14, the 5th grade class will host the Craft Fair in our school. On November 24, we will dismiss early with no after-school care. We will observe Thanksgiving with no school on November 25, 26, & 27. God's blessings, Justin Palm



(Pictured are the 2026 Region 4 Champions for the SIJHSAA State Tournament.)

1st Quarter Awards 26-27

Kindergarten - *Perfect School* - Mackenzie Beyer, Cooper Buch, Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Henry Roy. *Perfect Church* - Logan Gramenz, Cooper Buch. *Perfect Sunday School* - Logan Gramenz.

First Grade - *Perfect School* - Kylie Barrett, Cohen Eggemeyer, Lillian Guebert, Harper Kennedy, Brie Kern, Theodore Koerber, Liam Mastrantuono, Rose Sachtleben, Emmett Schoenbeck, and Clarke Thien. *Perfect Church* - Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Emmett Schoenbeck. *Perfect Sunday School* - Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Liam Mastrantuono. **Second Grade -** *Perfect School* - Griffin Baird, Bennett Buch, Witten Cheek, Demi Grohmann, Colton Gulley, Eliza Schrader, Maverick Sicka. *Perfect Church* - Griffin Baird, Bennett Buch, Colton Gulley, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader. *Perfect Sunday School* - Griffin Baird, Colton Gulley, Karlyn Meier, Eliza Schrader. **Third Grade -** *Perfect School* - Huxton Grohmann, Owen Prange, Bently Valentine. *Perfect Church* - Bently Valentine. *Perfect Sunday School* - Bently Valentine. **Fourth Grade -** *Perfect School* - Fletcher Eggemeyer, Jettson Grohmann, Elaina Heck, Lane Kern, Tate Markotay, Carter Mehring, Kolton Meier, Piper Runge, Hayden Schlimme, Emma Schlueter. *Perfect Church* - Jettson Grohmann, Madalynn Gulley, Elaina Heck, Kolton Liefer, Hayden Schlimme. *Perfect Sunday School* - Jettson Grohmann, Madalynn Gulley, Elaina Heck, Kolton Meier. *Honor Roll* - Madalynn Gulley, Carter Mehring, Eleanor Smith. *High Honor Roll* - Fletcher Eggemeyer, Elaina Heck, Lane Kern, Preslie Kipping, Ava Moll, Hazel Veath. *Highest Honor Roll* - Jettson Grohmann, Kolton Meier, Piper Runge, Hayden Schlimme, Emma Schlueter. **Fifth Grade -** *Perfect School* - Kayden Sicka, Ellie Stellhorn, Lynleigh Wingerter. *Honors* - Hayden Mounts, Kayden Sicka, Ellie Stellhorn. *High Honors* - Blakelynn Grohmann, Nora Langrehr, Kolton Liefer, Elaina Uffelmann. **Sixth Grade -** *Perfect School* - Elly Baird, McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Maggie Kuehn, Elsie Liefer, Nolan Liefer, Claire Sachtleben, Emry Voss, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner, Tripp Wagner. *Perfect Church* - Elly Baird, Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Grayson McCoy, Avery Moll, Camden Moll, Jack Valentine, and Tripp Wagner. *Perfect Sunday School* - Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Jack Valentine. *Honor Roll* - Camden Moll, Hailey Nichols. *High Honor Roll* - Elly Baird, Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr, Nolan Liefer, Sadie Stellhorn, Emry Voss, Tripp Wagner, Caden Wegener. *Highest Honor Roll* - McKinley Florreich, Maggie Kuehn, Amelia Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Layla Meyer, Avery Moll, Claire Sachtleben, Sam Schumacher, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner, Brinley Wolter. **Seventh Grade -** *Perfect School* - Haydn Albert, Aliviah Gulley,

Cassidy Palm, and Henry Schnepel. *Perfect Church* - Aliviah Gulley, Evlyn Heck, and Henry Schnepel. *Perfect Sunday School* - Aliviah Gulley, Evlyn Heck, and Henry Schnepel. *Honor Roll* - Charlie Liefer, and Henry Schnepel. *High Honor Roll* - Evlyn Heck, Harper Mounts, Kelly Pollard, and Aubrey Valleroy. *Highest Honor Roll* - Haydn Albert, Blake Horrell, Cassidy Palm, and Loxton Sutton. **8th Grade** - *Perfect School* - Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Kenadee Crafton, Maybre Falkenhain, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Lauren Mehring, Brody Rahn, Holden Wagner, and Cooper Wingerter. *Perfect Church* - Aiden Arbeiter, Maybre Falkenhain, Lucy Kuehn, and Cooper Wingerter. *Honor Roll* - Presley Liefer, Cooper Wingerter. *High Honor Roll* - Aiden Arbeiter, Aiden Kiefer, Lauren Mehring, and Abby Stellhorn. *Highest Honor Roll* - Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Kenadee Crafton, Maybre Falkenhain, Grant Florreich, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Roxy Markotay, Brody Rahn, Grayden Schloemann, Holden Wagner.

From the LCMS Foundation

Frank lamented to his buddy Zach that he fears his estate may owe taxes when the Lord calls him home. That could include Federal Estate Tax (if his estate is over $15 Million), state estate or inheritance tax (depending on the state) and income tax related to annuities and tax-deferred retirement assets (like IRA's, 401(k)'s, and 403(b's). Taxes can be a real issue. Zach advised his friend to gift $19,000 each year to each of his four children (the Federal limit for gifts before taxes begin to happen), reducing his estate by almost $80,000 per year. "After 10 years, that could be a big deal," Zach shared.

Zach is not completely wrong. But what he failed to do before offering personal advice was to find out what Frank really wants to do. Frank loves his Church. He knows that his Church is about to expand their school building and he wants to supply a sizable gift for that campaign. In addition, all four of Frank's children are highly paid professionals, making "seven figures" each year. Frank will provide some inheritance, to reflect the grace of God. But he is much more motivated by expanding the impact of ministry sharing Jesus.

Frank spoke with his LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Together they discovered that Frank has a large portfolio of highly appreciated stock that would make a perfect asset to use for the building campaign at Church, eliminating capital gains tax, receiving charitable deductions which he will be able to use for five years to offset his current income tax. In addition, they talk about Frank using some of his retirement assets to endow his offerings until the Lord returns, so that there are funds to support the ministry taking place in the new building. Frank also learned that he still will be able to provide support for his grandchildren by funding a sizable Charitable Remainder Trust when the Lord calls him home, using the remainder of his retirement assets, so that family is not hit with a lump sum income tax bill on these assets. Frank was ecstatic. This fit his plan perfectly. (Zach called him silly for not following his advice.)

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin discovering your plan. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.



Veterans' Day Program

Our annual Veterans' Day program will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, at 9:00 am in the School's New Gym. On that day, students should wear red, white, and blue/patriotic clothing. The students, faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran School extend an invitation to all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families. We invite you to attend our Veterans' Day program on Friday, Nov.13 at 9:00 am. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran, you may pick up an invitation in the office for them. Grades 3,4 & 5 will also host breakfast on Friday, Nov. 13 at 8:00 am for veterans and auxiliary members. The breakfast will be held in the New Gym lobby. Please RSVP by Friday, November 6, to the school office, (618) 282-3873, if you wish to attend the breakfast.

A Musical Moment

I grew up going to a Lutheran school that was very strict and could be very legalistic at times. One thing they were adamantly against was the celebration of Halloween. During the fall months, we could not do any Halloween-themed activities, teachers were not allowed to decorate their classrooms for it, and we certainly could not have any Halloween parties! They made it abundantly clear that October 31st was Reformation Day and would be celebrated as such! While I understood the concerns around some of the darker Halloween practices and a desire to celebrate the birthday of the Lutheran Church, I thought that my childhood school went too far in

discouraging celebrating Halloween entirely. Perhaps they "threw the baby out with the bath water?"

Here at St. Johns, as I walk the halls, I see pictures of jack o lanterns hanging on the walls that say "Jesus, Shine In Me." I see tasteful (not gory) Halloween decorations throughout the school. I hear of Fall/Reformation/Halloween classroom parties coming up. I see advertisements for our school's annual "Trunk Or Treat" on Halloween night that provides a safe and fun place for local families to get costumed up and go trick or treating! St. John's Red Bud is certainly doing its part to celebrate Halloween in a Christian way, focusing on Jesus and on serving the community!

While I didn't get to experience this type of "Christian Halloween" celebration as a kid growing up, I'm very thankful that St. John's is providing this for our students, families, and community! I'm very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church and school as we minister to the people of Red Bud and beyond. Jesus, continue to shine in us during this Halloween season and beyond!

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

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Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

LCFS: Gifts for Needy Children

Sharing with those in need, is showing the love of Jesus. We will again be adopting 12 children through Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, to provide gifts for them at Christmas. Please have your monetary gift in an envelope marked "LCFS gift" to the school's office or drop it in the offering plate by Nov. 20, 2026, so that there is ample time to purchase the gifts. See Mr. Becker for the label(s) that need to be placed on each unwrapped gift. I plan to deliver all the gifts on Friday, Dec. 4. The money collected will be divided equally among the classes in Day-Care-8th grade. Thank you for your love and compassion to those who are less fortunate.

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, Sam Marshall, 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; **Randolph County Care:** Don Fausz.

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:

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



Thanksgiving Holy Communion Worship

Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.

November Servers

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

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

10/4/2026 – Baptism of Weller Lloyd Gassett

ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027:

(Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams – R. Collins: David Reinhardt (618-967-7967)
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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)

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, & 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 Hohgrefe, Molly Huether, Betty Jones, Nicole Kadlec, Kristi Martel, Nadia Melliere, 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

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Chairman: Michael DeRousse
Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert
Secretary: Joan Ruwald
Treasurer: Connie Muench
Board of Finance: Becky Biffar
Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr
Parish Education Chair: Jacob Arbeiter
Trustee Chair: Jeremy Voss
Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

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.

Men's Club

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening Guild News

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m., Evening Guild will gather in the fellowship hall. Guest Speaker: Raley Smith from Camp Wartburg. Devotions led by Paula Wiley. Hostesses: Betty Schmitz, chairman, Lori Langrehr, and Deitt Schneider

Mission Project: Musketeer Market food drive. Canned food: baked beans, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, cans of ravioli and spaghetti with pop-up lids. Pudding and Jell-O ready-to-eat pkgs. This is just an example of what is needed; appreciate all donations. Put your bags in the fellowship hall.

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

Senior Youth

Nov. 8 Mason & Lane Cowell are hosting a bonfire from 4-7 p.m.

We will prepare for the craft fair on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at school. We will then have a booth at the Craft Fair on Nov. 14.

Junior Youth

We will be assembling Operation Christmas Child boxes on Sunday, Nov. 15 after church until finished (2p.m. or so). If everyone could bring an item or two to help fill the boxes, that would be great! Let Erin Kuehn know if you have any questions! **Items needed**: Toys: jump ropes, slinkies, dolls, cars, trucks, coin purses, socks, underwear, plush toys, kid jewelry, harmonicas, toothbrushes, band aids, tissues, combs, brushes, hair ties, hair bows, hacky sacks, school supplies, pens, paper, pencils and sharpeners, coloring books, crayon scissors, flashlights with batteries, gloves, hats, sewing kits, fishing kits, duct tape, water bottles, cups, flip flops, hats, sunglasses, puzzles, craft items, etc. **Do Not Include**: Soap, food, candy, toothpaste, used items, scary or war items, wearable camouflage, seeds, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, or knives.

Acolyte Schedule

The acolyte schedule has gone digital! Use this link to access the SignUpGenuis https://tinyurl.com/4pxftsve

*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 NEEDED

We need two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services**.** 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.

Worship Greeters

Sun. Nov. 1	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke
	10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Sat. Nov. 7	***5 p.m. Volunteers Needed***
Sun. Nov. 8	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold
	10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Nov. 14	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 15	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn
	10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Nov. 21	***5 p.m. Volunteers Needed***
Sun. Nov. 22	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer
	10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Wed. Nov. 25	6:30 p.m. Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier
Sat. Nov. 28	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 29	8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr
	10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

SERVE YOUR CHURCH BY VOLUNTEERING

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers 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.



Church and School Calendar

Sunday, November 1- ***All Saints' Day***
(Mr. Becker at DCE Retreat Nov. 1-3)
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, November 2-
8th Grade Saxon Lutheran Memorial Field Trip
5:30 p.m. GBB vs SPPCS
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
Tuesday, November 3- ***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. GBB @ RBC
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 4-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
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, November 5-
Jr. High Field Trip to Fort de Chartres
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. BBB vs Unity A and C only
Friday, November 6-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
Saturday, November 7-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
9:45 a.m. GBB @ New Athens (C team only)
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Sunday, November 8-
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Wurstmarkt sponsored by Class of 2029
Monday, November 9-
3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting
5:15 p.m. BBB@ Evansville
5:30 p.m. GBB vs ICS 5th and 7th
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
Tuesday, November 10- ***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
5:30 p.m. BBB @ ICS
6:00 p.m. GBB vs RBC
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 11- ***Veterans Day - No School***
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 Communion
Thursday, November 12-
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting
7:00 p.m. PTL meeting
Friday, November 13-
Veteran's Day Breakfast & Service
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
Saturday, November 14 -
10a.m.-2p.m. Craft Fair sponsored by Class of 2030
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, November 15-
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:30 a.m. Jr. Youth Meeting for Operation Christmas Child
Monday, November 16-
5:30 p.m. BBB @ St. Mary's
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library
Tuesday, November 17- ***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. GBB @ Chester Catholic St. Mary's (A team only)
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Meeting in Fellowship Hall



Church and School Calendar

Wednesday, November 18-
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
5:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education meeting
6:30 p.m. Divine Service
Thursday, November 19-
GBB "A" Trny @ TSJ
5:30 p.m. BBB vs Coulterville
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Class Trip Funding Committee Meeting
Friday, November 20- ***Epistle articles are due!!***
Fall Picture Retake Day at School
11:15 a.m. Dismissal - No Lunch & No After School Care
12:45 p.m. Faculty meeting
GBB "A" Trny @ TSJ
BBB "A" Trny @ Good Shepherd
Saturday, November 21-
GBB "A" Trny @ TSJ
BBB "A" Trny @ Good Shepherd
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Sunday, November 22-
BBB "A" Trny @ Good Shepherd
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Monday, November 23-
6:00 p.m. BBB vs PDR
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
Tuesday, November 24- ***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
12:45 p.m. Early Dismissal
(Lunch served & No After School Care)
5:30 p.m. BBB @ Steeleville
6:00 p.m. GBB vs Steelville
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 25- **No School**
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. Thanksgiving Service with Communion
Thursday, November 26- **No School/Office Closed**
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
Friday, November 27- **No School/Office Closed**
Saturday, November 28-
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Sunday, November 29-
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Monday, November 30-
6:00 p.m. GBB vs Holy Childhood (A team only)
6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

