

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
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## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**2/12/13/22**

**WELCOME** in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Woe and Blessing," Luke 6:17-26

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 394; 684; 619; 744

St.. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 15 Hymns: 16; 134; 276; 47

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 394; 821; 744; 921

At St. John's there will be a brief children's message.

**ATTENDANCE:** (M): 85 Saturday: 20 (C) 1/30: 17, 2/6: 14  
Sunday School: 12 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 4 Weekday: 7  
Weekday Religion: 1

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next  
Saturday/Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's this evening/morning  
is for the Building Fund.

**CORLHS** was hopeful to have Trivia Night on March 4, however,  
we have had to postpone. We do not have a new date scheduled  
yet. We look forward to hosting this event in the near future.

**THIS MORNING** we give special recognition to Dylan Alan  
Willis, son of Jessica & Kevin Buchesca. Dylan will be celebrating  
his Baptismal Birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>. His sponsors are Corbin  
Willis and Dale Wessel. Dylan will be given his very own Bible.

**PreK TEACHER AIDE POSITION AVAILABLE:** Trinity-St.  
John is currently searching for a part-time teacher aide for PreK 3.  
The teacher aid will assist the PreK teacher in the morning and  
lead the class in recess, rest, and afternoon activities after lunch.  
The position is for Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
February-May. Contact Amy Kurtz at 327-8561 or  
[principal@tsjlutheran.org](mailto:principal@tsjlutheran.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – St. John's chicken dinner is  
Sunday, March 6 from 11:00-1:00 or until sold out. Drive through  
only and \$12.00 per meal which includes chicken, German potato  
salad, green beans, applesauce and dessert. There is a sign up  
sheet in the back of church for workers and donations of potatoes  
and cookies. We are planning on making 700 meals and that takes  
a lot of potatoes and cookies. Cookies may be dropped off on  
Saturday, but there will be no refrigeration for potatoes. Please  
have potatoes to school basement by 9:00AM Sunday. Any help  
you can offer is greatly appreciated.

**CIRCUIT NEWS:** Pastor Joel Newton declined the call to  
Venedy and Olive Branch. The call is now in the hands of  
Pastor Kory Janneke of Warrens, Wisconsin.



- Ron Hoffman Barnes

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Eunice Witte** scheduled for knee surgery on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Patti Hendricks**—daughter of Dorothy Windler—tested positive in Florida

**Stacey O'Daniel**—niece of Dorothy Windler—tested positive and is staying with her mom, Joyce Finke, in Florida

**Kelly Treutens**—Dawn Mueller's niece in Denver, CO, in rehab

**Wayne Wessel**—has returned home and is doing well

**Becky & Maria**—friends of Peggy Brinkmann in Arizona—for improvement of their health

**Terry & Deb Lange** in Minnesota to await heart and liver transplant. Monitor her progress at caringbridge.org

**Becky Maaske**—cousin of Deb Lange—waiting for an appointment with a lung specialist in Colorado for further treatment

**Gretchen Trinklein**—radiation in Phoenix. Monitor her progress at caringbridge.org

**Douglas Habbe**—Gary Maschhoff's great-nephew—continues to receive good reports that his new kidney is functioning well.

**Sara Leinberger**—daughter-in-law of Dave & Marlene Leinberger

### THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS / OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

**Rosemary Miller**—sister of Howard Weihe—taking chemo

**Mike Wehrenberg**—Jacob Mueller's father-in-law—recuperating from surgery at Mayo Clinic

**Matthew Morkachis**—Great Nephew of Eunice Witte—diagnosed with leukemia; found lump behind his eye

**Bill Patton**—brother-in-law of Betty Sachtleben—diagnosed with lung cancer

### MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions.
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Prison Ministry at Centralia
- Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis, our Sunday School Mission Project

### We Remember:

**Pastor Kory Janneke, Warrens, WI**, considering the call to Venedy & Olive Branch

**Mrs. Amy Kurtz**, TSJ Principal, considering a call to Ft Wayne, IN

Upcoming vacancy at TSJ after **Mrs. Diane Backs** retires this spring

**Pastor Jacob Mueller** in Uganda (Africa) to teach a two-week course on the Book of Romans at the Lutheran Seminary there.

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Dean Sprehe 2-13; Megan Smith & Dylan Willis 2-16; Tricia Rueter 2-18; Nichole Boester & Jessica Linder (C) 2-19

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Dave & Cara Kurwicki 2-14



**RADIO BIBLE CLASS:** Church members and listeners are invited to sign up to sponsor a broadcast. This may be done in memory of someone special or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, etc., to be mentioned on the air if you wish. See the sign-up sheet on the table by the restrooms. The cost is \$100 per broadcast. Feel free to split the cost with someone else. Once you have signed up, make your check out to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and designate it as "radio broadcast" and deposit the check in the slot in the sacristy door before your chosen broadcast day. Please sign up in plenty of time; programs should be recorded and edited a week in advance.

**THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR & CLERICAL COLLAR...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Evolution vs. Adam & Christ, The Gloria in Excelsis, The Historical Reliability of the New Testament, 3rd Century Martyr Saint Valentine and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** We praise God for Mrs. Diane Backs' many years of service as a called teacher. She is completing her 39th year in the teaching ministry this school year. Most of those years have been spent here at T-SJ in third grade! Mrs. Backs will be retiring from full time ministry at the end of this school year. I praise God for Diane's commitment and dedication to Lutheran education, she has touched many lives with her gifts and talents and for that I am grateful. Mrs. Kurtz

**TEACHING POSITION:** With the announcement of Mrs. Diane Backs' retirement, we also announce that there will be a third grade teaching position available. Duties would include teaching third grade as well as a combined third and fourth grade for part of each day. Experience with teaching K-8 music would also be beneficial. The ideal candidate would be a Lutheran teacher with joy in their heart and a love for Jesus and His children. They would have a Bachelor's degree in Education with a Lutheran Teacher's diploma. Christian teachers without a Lutheran teacher's diploma may also be considered. We look forward to the next T-SJ team member that will help us to be "partners in Christ, instructing for life, and equipping for eternity." Please submit the names of any interested teachers to Mrs. Amy Kurtz at [principal@tsjlutheran.org](mailto:principal@tsjlutheran.org).

**SHOPPING SPREE:** Pastor Mueller has a \$250 Thrivent Card for buying items to give to the Seminary Food Bank. If you are interested in going shopping and spending someone else's money, please let him know!



**LETTER FROM MRS. KURTZ:**

Dear members of Trinity and St. John's Lutheran Churches,

I am truly blessed to get to serve here at T-SJ in Nashville and thank God for the support each of you give to our wonderful Lutheran school. Being a called worker can mean that sometimes other schools reach out to me to see if I may be interested in entertaining a call to serve at their school. As I do not want to hinder God's plan, I do like to learn more about different schools and see how God can use me in His kingdom.

Lutheran South Unity School in Fort Wayne, Indiana has issued me a call to be their principal beginning the 2022-2023 school year. I will be taking the next couple of weeks to pray, spend more time in God's Word, and discern God's will as I consider my call to serve at T-SJ as well as the call to LSU. Through this journey I hope to learn more about myself and the ministries both at T-SJ and LSU. I ask that you would also pray for me, my family, T-SJ, and LSU during this time. God's plan is amazing and I am so glad to be a part of it.

In Christ,

Mrs. Kurtz

**CREATION SPEAKER TO PRESENT ON GEOLOGICAL DATING:** How old is the earth? Is it many millions of years old, or only a few thousand years old? What does science indicate about the age of the earth, and how is this determined? Dr. Marcus Rosa, a Young Earth Creationist, will give a presentation on "How to Date Like a Geologist" (An Overview of Geological Dating with Young-Earth Evidences) on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL. Dr. Ross is an assistant professor of geology at Liberty University and holds a PhD in geosciences from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Ross was interviewed in the 2019 movie, "Is Genesis History?" featuring Del Tackett. This presentation is free and open to the public. No tickets are needed, and a free-will offering will be accepted. If you have struggled with questions about the age of the earth and challenges to a creationist viewpoint, come hear Dr. Ross at Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Zion Lutheran is located at 101 S Railway Street in Mascoutah, IL.



St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden  
Quarterly Voter's Meeting-January 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Sachtleben with 35 members present. Pastor Mueller began the meeting with opening devotion from 1 Corinthians and prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Kurtz shared the following

- 100th day was big for the Kindergarten class
- Boys Basketball will be playing for the Regional Championship
- Girls basketball won their Regional and lost at the State Tournament
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House scheduled for February 24th

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the Principal's report.

**School Treasurer's Report:** Martha Polczynski presented the T-SJ school budget showing a positive balance of \$52,481.24. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the School Treasurer's report.

**School Board:** Clinton Dunn presented an update to A Solemn Agreement with proposed additions. A two thirds majority vote is required to pass. It was unanimous to accept the proposed changes to A Solemn Agreement as presented. Some discussion followed regarding term limits for School Board members. According to St. John By-laws, school board members can succeed themselves. Motion made, seconded and approved to discuss further at the next meeting.

**Election of Officers:** The Ballot was approved as presented by Chairman Sachtleben with no nominations from the floor. The Ballot Counting Team of Grace Schuette, Rita Schuette and Trudy Windler was approved. Elected Officers for 2022 are:

Treasurer	Andi Hoffman
Elder	David Ibendahl
School Board	Jill Stein
Trustee	Jeff Hoffman
	Gary Maschhoff
Finance Board	Shaun Renth
	Butch Rhine
	Larry Rueter
	Kent Schuette
Cemetery Comm	Jim McQuaid (2 year term)
	Gene Schuette (2 year term)
	Carl Schuette (1 year term to replace Jim Witte)
Kitchen Comm	Nancy Sprehe

Motion made, seconded and approved for John Kroeger to replace Jill Stein for a 1 year term on the Finance Board. Installation of Officers will be February 6th, 2022.

**Finance Board:** For the Finance Board, Ryan Brinkmann proposed a decrease in the number of finance board members from 8 to 5 or 6. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andi Hoffman presented the Year end financial report, noting both the Home budget and Synod budget were made on collections. We will begin the new year with a positive balance (\$19,140.60). The proposed 2022 budget was distributed. She also reminded members to remember to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars.

**Pastor's Report:** After the SID convention, Pastor Mueller will no longer be the Circuit Visitor. As Olive Branch vacancy pastor he has had to schedule preachers for Olive Branch. He has been part of the meetings between Olive Branch and Venedy as they both approved a partnership and Olive Branch is currently waiting on a response to the call they issued for a preacher. Jane Weihe has been unable to attend meetings and has requested to be an Excused Voter. He also stated that Honorary Members do not count toward the meeting quorum. A Grief Share group will



start meeting on Mondays, starting February 7th. It is a 13 week video based grief support group; it can also be done on-line or virtual. The Quatto estate land has been sold and the final settlement will be forthcoming. Principal Don Duensing will be in church on February 13th to share information about CORLHS. There has been information in the bulletin encouraging church members 18 or older to consider becoming a Voting Member after first reading the By Laws. He gave the following Year End statistics: Baptized members 355, Communicant members 288, Sunday service 67, Saturday service 15, Weekend 82 (pre-Covid attendance was 99 per weekend), Sunday School 7, Sunday Bible Class 8, 161 communed at least once, two baptisms (Rosie Ravanese, Mina Maloy), one wedding (Mollie Borowiak & Jacob Kline), two funerals (Henry Redeker and non-member Allen Weihe).

**Elder's Report:** Per the recommendation of Elder Dean Sprehe:

Motion made, seconded & approved to increase Pastor Mueller's salary 3% (\$68,303.76). Motion made, seconded and approved to increase the organist salary to \$40/service. The secretary's salary will be increased to \$12/hour per minimum wage law. Motion made, seconded and approved to increase the Synod Mission Budget to \$18,500. Motion made, seconded and approved to use the Good Samaritan Fund to match the tornado door collection. Motion made, seconded and approved the transfer of Rosie Ravanese, Mina Maloy and Mollie Kline. Motion made, seconded and approved to grant the request from Barbara Brinkmann to be released from the voter's assembly; she has agreed to stay on the CORLHS board until Terry Lange returns from Minnesota. Motion made, seconded and approved the use of St. John secretarial help for Olive Branch church. Motion made, seconded and approved the request from Dorothy Lange to be an Honorary member.

**Trustees:** Trustee Michael Witte reported they are still waiting on a quote for the insurance for the marquee sign.

**Cemetery Committee:** Nothing to report. Barb Maschhoff gave the cemetery treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and approved the report as presented.

**Scholarship Treasurer's Report:** Barb Maschhoff gave the Scholarship treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and approved the report as presented.

**2022 Budget:** After approval of the salaries listed above, motion made, seconded and approved the 2022 Budget as previously presented by Andi Hoffman (Treasurer). Motion made, seconded and approved the audit of the financial books for 2021.

**Auditors appointed:**

Marla Hempen 3 yrs; David Ibendahl 2 years; Julia Karneier 1 year.

**Old Business:** Nothing

**New Business:** Natalie Ibendahl announced the LWML is planning a video visit with Debra Lange on February 9th in the Fellowship Hall with pizza & drinks to show our support of her while she is awaiting transplant. Motion made, seconded and approved Robert Langrehr and Julia Karneier to coordinate the Chicken Dinner to be held the first Sunday in March; drive thru only.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting closed with singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow".

Natalie Ibendahl  
Secretary



# Christ Our Rock

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

*Our mission: To educate and equip today's youth in faith and knowledge while guiding them to become Christian leaders.*

### News and notes

- Adults: Can you imagine being a student in today's world? Thank you for your partnership in providing a place for students to grow, not only academically but more importantly, spiritually.
- COR has open enrollment all year so we are able to accept transfer students at any time.
- The COR ACT test average continues to exceed state and local averages. Our students are averaging nearly \$1,000,000 in accepted scholarships. We also currently have two former students in each of the seminaries.
- Upon graduation, COR students enroll in college or other post secondary training. Our students are surrounded by others who know the value of continuing their education.
- COR offers free after-school tutoring everyday. Along with ACT prep work.
- COR asks every team or group to do a service project, instilling in them the importance of serving others.
- To truly experience the Christ Our Rock family, we invite students to "shadow" during the school day. Contact the school office for more information.
- Sports offered include V/JV volleyball, soccer, golf, cheerleading, V/JV men and women's basketball, bowling, men and women's swimming, men and women's track and field, bass fishing, baseball, and softball.

"I went to school in a place where every teacher knew who I was and was invested in my success, and where I was treated with a respect that seems to be sadly uncommon. Christ Our Rock alters the trajectory of lives every year, and that would not happen without you." CORLHS Graduate



## *Thank you for your support!*

### Prayer Support

Join Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in daily prayer, acknowledging our Lord's presence, giving thanks, and requesting His blessings in all of the efforts of CORLHS.

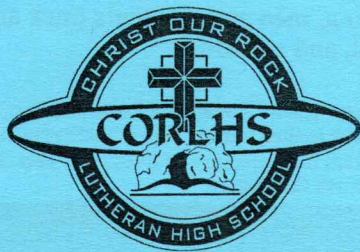
### Financial Support

We want to keep tuition affordable for families. Our budget this year is \$1,100,000. Student tuition and fees along with congregation assessments covers part of the cost. The remainder must be generated by various fund raisers and private donations. The Sterling Evening this year will be moved to the fall. Watch your bulletins for more information.

Additionally, COR offers the Rev. Mueller Mentor Grant for additional assistance to students. Mentor Grants are gifts given to COR for students who would not be able to attend without them. Last year we gave out \$35,470 in Mentor Grants. This is in addition to need-based tuition assistance. We want Christ Our Rock to be a school for everyone.

### Volunteer Support

We have numerous ways in which you can volunteer your time. You can serve on a board or committee, help with an event, tackle light duty maintenance tasks, landscape care, provide office support or donate to a blood drive. The involvement of members of our communities not only helps us with projects and saves costs, but also illustrates a servant attitude for our students.



Please pray concerning your support of CORLHS.

Please contact us at:

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*618-226-3315*

*[www.corstallions.org](http://www.corstallions.org)*



**This Week: Feb 13<sup>th</sup>-20th, 2022**

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:00 & 5:30 p.m. KFUE Presentation by CORLHS Principal Don Duensing 2:30 p.m. Pastor Conducts Worship at FMN
Monday	6:30 p.m. Griefshare
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Class
Thursday	NO School—Parent/Teacher Conference 8-11 NO Weekday Religion
Friday	NO School—Tri County Teacher Institute
Saturday	6:30 p.m. Worship at NM
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at Covington 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7 10:00 a.m. Worship at New Minden w/HC 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV