

**St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois**

Use Church website: [stjohnnewminden.360unite.com](http://stjohnnewminden.360unite.com) for electronic giving (monthly or one-time donation) for home budget or missions

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois**

Pastor Timothy P. Mueller, Cell: 618-314-3972

Email: [tpm@frontiernet.net](mailto:tpm@frontiernet.net)

Teacher: Dawn Mueller, 314-4027

Teacher: Melanie Cooper, 967-8951

Trinity-St. John Lutheran School, 327-8561

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Interim Principal, 806-3049

TSJ website: [tsjlutheran.org](http://tsjlutheran.org)

Don Duensing, Principal CORLHS, 226-3315

CORLHS website: [www.corlhs.org](http://www.corlhs.org)

LuAnn Sprehe, Secretary, 478-5542

Email: [luannsprehe@gmail.com](mailto:luannsprehe@gmail.com)

Acolyte: Addison Knolhoff

Organist: Corey Williams

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      SEPT 3, 2023**

**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: "Setting Our Mind on the Things of God"

*Matthew 16:21-28*

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

TLH P.5; Hymns: 540, 175, 409, 410

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

LSB 203-212; Hymns: 869, 425, (629, 685, 722, 718), 756

**THE FAMILY OF EUNICE WITTE** would like to invite you to come to the Fellowship Hall after church **TODAY** for refreshments in celebration and thanksgiving of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday (M) 20; Sunday (M) 94; (C) 15  
Sunday School: 14; Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 4; Weekday: 9

**ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. JOHN'S** this morning were given to the glory of God in honor of the 80th birthday of Eunice Witte which will be September 20th. These were given by her family.

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** today at St. John's.

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (M)** is for Worship Anew, the TV ministry of Lutheran Ministries Media.

**THE MURAL** to honor the memory of Mrs. Debra Lange, our beloved teacher and friend is done! It was hung in the cafeteria at Trinity-St. John School in thanksgiving to God for her love for children and commitment for Lutheran education. We have raised about 2/3 of the \$3500 needed. If you would like to help support this effort, please send checks to T-SJ 680 W Walnut, Nashville, IL 62263. Please write "Deb Lange Mural" on the memo line. We would love to have it hung before school starts! Thank you for your generous support!

**THE SEPTEMBER MEETING** of the LWML will be held at Bunkers Bar & Grill (Roland Memorial Golf Course) in Okawville on September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will start with a meal followed by a brief meeting. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. Please let Judy Vogt or Eunice Witte know if you plan to attend.

**COLLECTION FOR SAVERS DRIVE** is officially scheduled for August 1-October 1 in T-SJ Gym. Loading should take place Thursday, Oct. 5. Delivery will be 10 a.m. on October 7. Soft goods (clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, etc.) should be in 13-gallon bags. Questions: Contact Janice Lange @ 618-314-0691.

**"SERVING THE LORD IN TANZANIA"**—NEWS FROM THE STEFFENSON FAMILY: Copies of the August newsletter for Pastor Jason Steffenson and family are in the window in the narthex and on the Bible Class table in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 3 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**LuAnn Sprehe**—was at St. John's, Springfield, IL; has returned home

**Bob Jack**—was at Good Samaritan, Mt. Vernon, now home; has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

**Gene Knolhoff** at Fireside Nursing Home for Rehab

**Lisa**, daughter of Kathy Redeker, awaiting cancer surgery in the state of Washington

**Lorna Kottmeyer (C)** neck surgery scheduled for Sept 7

**Amanda Garrison**—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

**Danny Brinkmann** home; has begun kidney dialysis

**Stanley Renth** ~~home awaiting~~ chemotherapy *has begun*

**Tom Anderson**—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

**Wayne and Lola Wessel**—ongoing health concerns

**Sara Leinberger**—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

**Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner**—retired pastor in Texico, IL—undergoing chemo

**THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:**

**Rosemary Miller**—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

**Duane Miller**—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

**Amie Evans**--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer

**FOR COMFORT IN THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN CHRIST:**

The family of **Mr. Wyman E. Fischer**, former teacher and principal at St. John's, who died July 25, 2023.

**MISSION PRAYERS:**

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School
- Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center

**We Remember:**

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call a pastor again

**We Remember:**

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, etc.

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Keeghan Renth & Shaun Renth 9-3;  
Aidan Heitman (C), John Blumhorst & Marvin Miessner 9-4; Don Schuette 9-5

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Clint & Katie Maschhoff 9-3;  
Dean & Nancy Sprehe 9-6



The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost + September 3, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
*Lutheran Service Book*—Divine Service, Setting Four

*THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, **are asked first to speak with the Pastor.** (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

*For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.*

**HYMN:** "With the Lord Begin Your Task" *LSB 869*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 203*

**PSALM:** Psalm 26 *spoken responsively* *LSB 26*

**KYRIE** *LSB 204*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 204*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

- P: 15 O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
- 16 Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.
- 17 I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.
- 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?
- 19 Therefore thus says the Lord:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.
- 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of  
bronze;  
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over  
you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord.
- 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***Romans 12:9-21*

P: <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE***LSB 205***HOLY GOSPEL***Matthew 16:21-28*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: <sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

*LSB inside back cover or 206*

**HYMN:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*LSB 425*

**SERMON:** "Setting Our Mind on the Things of God"

*Matthew 16:21-28*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*LSB 208-212*

*During the Distribution, we will sing the following hymns, as time allows:*

"What Is This Bread"

*LSB 629*

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

*LSB 685*

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

*LSB 722*

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

*LSB 718*

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

*LSB 756*

**Acknowledgements**

*Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission. License #000012576. Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

*Sunday Morning at St. John's, Page 4*



**MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY** meets again Thursday, Sept. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (rescheduled from Sept 7). We study a hymn and then turn to read some Bible history together. Pastor Mueller does the reading from the Bible so you don't have to worry about pronouncing all those names! We finish in an hour; please consider joining us.

**THE 20TH ANNUAL** Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Tee Off Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, September 17, at Greenview Golf Course in Centralia. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. with Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. You can be a golfer (\$100 per person or \$400 for a team) or a sponsor. Hole Sponsor - \$100, Dinner Sponsor - \$300, Event Sponsor - \$650. To sponsor or sign up please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

**CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

**LWML/SID FALL RETREAT** "Peace for my Soul--now and forever!" September 30, 2023, at Mariner's Village Resort in Carlyle. Registration 9 a.m. In-gathering of personal size, personal care items for the Blessing Box in Pinckneyville and Matthew 25 in Carlyle. Registration fee \$15. See flyer on bulletin board.

**BIBLES FOR SECOND GRADERS:** We are in need of "Growing in Faith" Bibles which we give to the children in the second grade on their baptismal birthday. The cost is \$32.99. Anyone who desires to pay for one or more Bibles, please contact LuAnn.



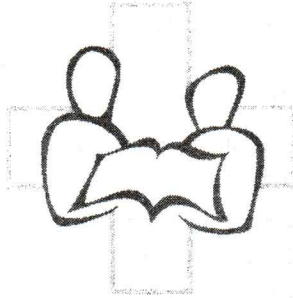
**THEOLOGICAL BOOKS FOR UGANDA**—Pastor Mueller and his son Jacob will be traveling to Uganda (Africa) Jan 25-Feb 11 to teach at the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda. Between Holy Cross, Emma, and St. John's, New Minden, we have already funded 25 copies of the *Lutheran Study Bible* for seminary students there. Thanks to all who have contributed! Now we are working on the purchase of copies of *Concordia – The Lutheran Confessions A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord*. This book contains the documents (such as the Augsburg Confession, Small and Large Catechism, Formula of Concord) according to which every Lutheran pastor pledges to preach and teach, because they accurately lay out the teachings of the Bible. If God leads you to participate, please give the money directly to Pastor Mueller. Checks can be made out to “Holy Cross Lutheran Church” (where Jacob serves) with “Uganda Books” in the memo line.

**LUTHERAN BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE SERIES...** How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at [issuesetc.org/battleforthebible](http://issuesetc.org/battleforthebible).

**WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE FAMILY** of Wyman E. Fischer, of Fishers, IN, Principal and gr.5-8 teacher here at St. John's from 1953-1961. He was called home to heaven on July 25, 2023, at the age of 92. He leaves his wife, Anna Lou, and their three daughters, Victoria, Kristal, Holly and their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren and his brother, Don. Memorials are to go to: Holy Cross Lutheran School, 8115 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46236.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,” Colossians 3:16.*

## Adult Instruction Class



*Have you or a loved one ever thought of taking the class that would enable you to become a member of St. John's or St. Luke's or Olive Branch? Here's your chance! We will be taking eight weeks on Sunday evenings to go over the main teachings of the Lutheran faith.*

*At the end of the course, those who agree with these teachings will be invited to join via adult Baptism (if never Baptized), or adult Confirmation (if never confirmed), or Adult profession of faith (if previously confirmed in a different Christian denomination).*

### *Details:*

- Meet Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the St. John's Schoolhouse
- Free meal for class participants and their families provided at 5:00 p.m.
- Babysitting with Dawn Mueller provided for the children after the meal while the adults go to class with Pastor Mueller.
- We plan to meet the following Sundays:
  - September 24
  - October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  - November 5, 12
- Members (such as spouses) invited to attend along with non-members
- Any church member who desires can take the class as a refresher.
- All materials provided at no charge.
- No strings attached; *no one has to join the church.*
- Call or text Pastor Mueller if you are interested (618-314-3972).

*If you would like to help in the preparation and serving of one of these meals, or with babysitting, please contact Pastor or Dawn Mueller.*



*The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation," Exodus 15:2.*

## **Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music**

*Invites you to sign up for music lessons from*

### **Mike Trinklein**

*Mike has given private piano and cello lessons since 2014  
in both the U.S. and South Korea.*



- Most recently served as a Teacher's Aide at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Preschool, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Previously served as Director of Life Development and Traditional Worship at St. Mark's.
- Church organist since he was a child.
- Pursuing a degree in elementary education.

- ✓ Experience the joy of music, especially music of the faith.
- ✓ Piano and Cello lessons available.
- ✓ Students aged 6 years through 100+ are welcome.
- ✓ Lessons given at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden.
- ✓ Pursue musical excellence while growing in the faith. In addition to a standard music curriculum, students will use multi-level worship materials from "David's Harp," a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Even a beginner can learn to play hymns!
- ✓ Opportunities to share the gift of music by participating in recitals, pre-service music at the church of your choice, etc.
- ✓ To register, or for more information, call, text, or email Mike at (602) 448-0486 or [mikethecelloman@gmail.com](mailto:mikethecelloman@gmail.com).

*Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music is supported by individuals from various local Lutheran churches and currently operates under the auspices of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden.*



**This Week: Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Today            8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM  
                      12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO

Monday          No School -- Labor Day  
                      No GriefShare

Tuesday        6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
                      7:30 p.m. Christ Our Song Bd in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday    6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion  
                      7:00 B.O.C.E. meets at TSJ

Thursday       8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC

Saturday        NO Worship at NM

Sunday          8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's with Holy Comm.  
                      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 NM  
                      10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377  
                      and Channel 18 on Cable TV