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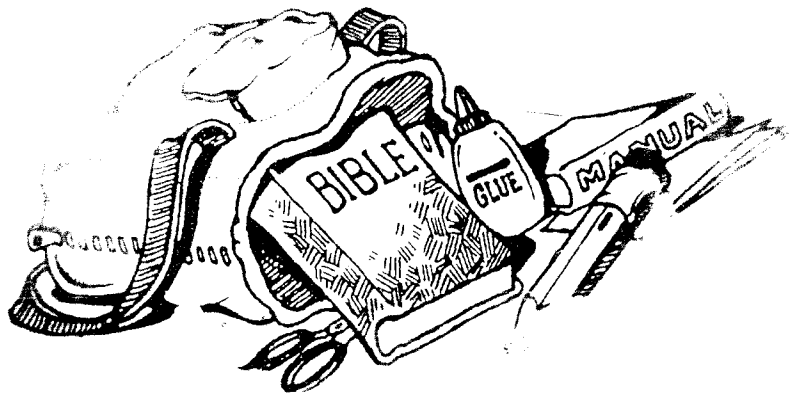
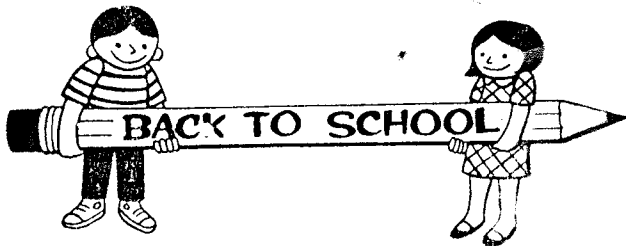
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New Minden, Illinois

Worship Services: St. John's
Fourth Saturday - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class -
9:00 a.m.
St. Luke's: Sunday - 8:30 a.m.



AUGUST 
THE HERALD

In response to God's love, the mission of
St. John's and St. Luke's is to extend His
kingdom by using our God-given talents to
proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ within
our community and the changing world.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 11:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH NO Worship at NM
3 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 Worship at C 9:00 SS & ABC 10:00 Worship at NM w/HC Acolyte Mtg After Svc	4 6:00 Vespers	5 4:00 (C) Voters' Mtg in FH 6:30 Bible Study	6 6:00 BOCE	7 Day of Spiritual Renewal at Zion, Belleville 8:30 Pastor at CCC NO Bible Study in FH	8	9 9-6:00 p.m., One-Day OAFC Workshop at Trinity Hoffman 11:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH NO Worship at NM
10 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 Worship at C w/HC 9:00 SS & ABC 10:00 Worship at NM 5:00 Back to School Opening Worship	11 6:00 Vespers	12 9:30 Pastor Has Worship at FMNH 10:30 Pastor Has Worship at WCH Skilled Care 6:30 Bible Study	13 First Full Day of School	14 8:30 Pastor at CCC	15	16 11:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH NO Worship
17 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 Worship at C 9:00 SS & ABC 10:00 Worship at NM w/HC Mite Box Collection After Svc 11:15-12:30 Public School Religion in FH	18 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Historical Society	19 10:30-3:00 Pastors' Conference at Mt Carmel 6:30 Bible Study	20	21 8:30 Pastor at CCC	22	23 11:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH 6:30 Worship at NM w/HC
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Herald notes from Pastor Mueller. The following is taken from the Bible Study given by Dr. Ted Kober at the 2010 Synodical convention in Houston. He changed certain names and details to protect the identities of the people originally involved in the story he tells.

“A Gift Meant to be Shared”

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”
Ephesians 4:32.*

God never intended that his gift of forgiveness be for us alone. He wants us to share it.

A couple desperately wanted to have children, but they were unable to conceive. They endured extensive medical exams and procedures. They prayed fervently to God, but it seemed that he was deaf to their pleas. After years of waiting, they lost hope and applied for adoption. And that's when the wife discovered that she was pregnant. They praised God for answering their prayers. However, the pregnancy was difficult, and the wife quit her job to rest in bed for most of the term. She gave birth to a baby girl, whom they named Kristy. They cherished their daughter more than anything.

But Kristy was sick. The doctor told the parents that they would need to leave their baby at the hospital, but he assured them that she would be given medicine that would cure her.

Reluctantly, the parents left their daughter in the care of the hospital. The nurse who attended her grabbed the wrong medication out of the cabinet, administered it to the infant, and Kristy died. Immediately the nurse realized what she had done. She reported the incident to her floor supervisor, who contacted the hospital administrator, and he sought counsel from the hospital's lawyer. The lawyer said, “Whatever you do, don't let that girl's parents talk to that nurse.” Imagine the grief of these parents! After all those years of waiting, they were blessed to have a child. But then to have her so suddenly die all because of the mistake of some nurse must have been almost unbearable!

They went to the hospital, asking to see the nurse. But the administration resisted and would not allow them to see her. The parents left the hospital in tears. Before they reached their car, someone ran out to them and pressed a note in their hands, saying, “Don't tell anyone I gave you this.” Then the stranger ran back to the hospital. The note included the name and home address of the nurse.

That evening, the parents walked up to the nurse's front door and knocked. As soon as the nurse answered, she recognized the couple and began to cry, saying, “I'm so sorry, they won't let me talk to you.” And she started to shut the door. The husband stuck his foot in the door. “Please wait. We know that you can't talk to us. But won't you listen to what we have to say to you?” How could she refuse his request? She killed their baby! So she paused.

The mother began: "For years, we waited for God to answer our prayers. Finally, after we had given up hope, I became pregnant and gave birth to our beautiful baby girl. We don't know why Kristy had to be taken away so soon . . ." The mother broke down and cried.

The father continued: "We don't know why our daughter had to die so young. But we understand that you gave her medicine that contributed to her death. My wife and I were holding each other last night grieving over our loss. And then we thought about you. We realize that you love babies and that's why you work in the nursery. We know that you didn't want to hurt Kristy, and so we thought you must be feeling pretty awful too. So we came just to tell you we forgive you, because God forgives us through Jesus Christ."

The nurse wept uncontrollably at hearing this news. She knew she didn't deserve this couple's forgiveness. She knew that she couldn't bring back their child with any amount of financial settlement. She knew that she could do nothing to earn favor with this family. To her the gift was free, but for the couple who gave it, it was very costly.

That's what forgiveness is, my friends. It is a gift. You do not deserve God's gift. You can't buy his gift. You can do nothing to earn any part of it. To you the gift is free, but for the One who gives it, it is very costly. This gift cost our heavenly Father the blood of his one and only Son.

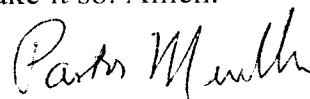
You will meet this nurse. You see, when this couple came to her door, she didn't know Jesus. But when she received their gift, she also learned how much God loves her and she received God's gift. She is your sister in Christ, and you will spend eternity with her.

Fellow beggars, as you consider all that you have done to offend God and others, remember Jesus' promises to you: "You are forgiven" and "I am with you always." Christ is present in our conflicts to confront sinful behavior and offer his free gift of forgiveness. Receive God's gift. But remember that the gift is not offered so that you may hoard it for yourself. It is not given for you to set on a shelf to admire or to put it away in a closet. The gift is meant to be shared.

Receive God's forgiveness. And then forgive, as the Lord has forgiven you.

We pray.

Heavenly Father, how can we ever thank you for giving us your Son for the forgiveness of our sins? We praise you for your infinite love. And yet, in spite of all you have done for us, we sometimes fail to forgive as you have forgiven us. How easily we allow anger to dwell within us! How quickly we nurse grudges into bitterness! Forgive us, Lord, for our shallow thankfulness. Help us remember that in our Baptism, through your Word, and in your Holy Supper you forgive our sins. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may have divine power to do what we cannot do on our own. With Paul, we are bold to proclaim, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Amen, Lord Jesus, make it so. Amen.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pastor M. M. M. M." with a stylized, cursive script.

PARISH NEWS

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

The following Sunday School children celebrated their Baptismal birthday during July: Cordi Moore, Melanie Montgomery, Clara Barton, Mila Rettinger, Nolan Spenner, and Sawyer Agnew.

Lucas Dunn was named to the IHS BCA 2025 first team as a baseball pitcher. He had a perfect record of 9.0.

Dylan Willis received the citizenship award and honor award at Evans Elementary School, O'Fallon, IL.

Isabella Karch was a Little Miss candidate for the Washington County Fair Queen Pageant.

Samantha & Summer Brinkmann competed in a team basketball camp at the CFSB center on the Murray State University campus in Murray, KY.

Bill Funke won first place in the dirt dash at the Washington County Fair.

Emmett Schnitker won second place in the Class 1 kiddie tractor pull at the Washington County Fair and third place at the Hoyleton Hofbraufest.

Gus Schmitz won third place in the Class 1 kiddie tractor pull at the Washington County Fair.

Jacob Martin (C) placed first in the 18000 duals in the Washington county fair tractor pull.

Jack Kroeger & Lucas Dunn were named to the President's List at KC for the spring semester.

Jack Kroeger was a spring graduate from KC.

CHANGES TO 2025 DIRECTORY

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Aug 1.....	Chris Meier
Aug 2.....	Stanley Renth
Aug 4.....	Rosalie Rice
Aug 5.....	Robert Schneider (C)
Aug 6.....	Gabriel Garrison, Marianne Kellermann, Heather Agnew
Aug 7.....	Albert Gallatin (C), Wesley & Wyatt Linder (C)
Aug 10.....	Connor Davis, Madelyn Brink
Aug 11.....	Dorothy Lange
Aug 12.....	Jarrett Jack
Aug 14.....	Marla Hempen, Regena Foster (C)
Aug 15.....	Gavin Ibendahl
Aug 16.....	Andi Hoffman
Aug 17.....	Don Schuette, John Blumhorst
Aug 18.....	Hayden Davis, Dawson Kurwicki
Aug 20.....	Bryan Wessel, Lila Luttrell (C)
Aug 22.....	Hope Brinkmann, Marvin Miessner, Eunice Hausler
Aug 24.....	Carl Schuette, Andrew Windler
Aug 25.....	Shaun Renth, Lucas Boester
Aug 26.....	Jackie McDaniel, Matt Schneider (C)
Aug 27.....	Jeremy Zapp
Aug 29.....	William Schneider (C), Jackson Dinkelman
Aug 31.....	Clinton Dunn, Gene Howe Isabella Karch
Sep 1.....	Tristen Meinert
Sep 2.....	Heather Dunmyer, Gaige McKnight
Sep 3.....	Hollie Finley

Sep 4.....	Jordan Lawrence, Owen Stein
Sep 5.....	Peggy Rueter, Allie Ravanesi
Sep 6.....	Andrew Hanenberger
Sep 7.....	Ryan Brinkmann
Sep 8.....	Robert Jack
Sep 9.....	Kerri Krawiecki

We remember the following who are shut in or in skilled care:

Nola Kraft, Friendship Manor, 485 S Friendship Drive, Nashville, IL 62263

Eunice Pries (C)Brightly Senior Living, 649 Legacy Place #27, Mascoutah, IL 62258

Rodney Brinkmann, Bria of Cahokia, 3354 Jerome Ln, Cahokia, IL 62206

Marvin Miessner, Friendship Manor, 485 S Friendship Drive, Nashville, IL 62263

Wayne & Lola Wessel, Villas at St. James, Apt 13, 14335 Jamestown Rd, Breese, IL 62230

Dorothy Windler, Friendship Manor, 485 S Friendship Drive Rm 206 Nashville, IL 62263

Ray Hausler, Sunrise of Westmont, 407 West 63rd St, Westmont, IL 60559

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for helping to provide for me and my husband while he studies at seminary. The Food Bank has been an incredible blessing and each time my husband goes, we are reminded just how good God is in His provisions. For us, we are reminded also of how beautiful it is to lean on our brothers and sisters in the faith, namely you. For it is beautiful to see the ways in which God is working through you to care for us and the other families on campus. Thank you! May God bless you and show you kindness. Love, Charlotte & Zach Eshelman"

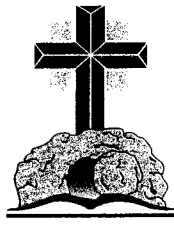
"Dear Members of St. John's LWML: My wife and I would like to thank you so much for contributing to Concordia Seminary's Food Bank. It helps a lot with our monthly expenses. I pray God's blessings on your continued work in God's service! In Christ, Luke & Julianna Elowdey"

DIVINE SERVICE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

AUGUST, 2025

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you” Ephesians 4:32.*

Date	Time	Festival	Readings	Sermon Text and Theme	Liturgy and Hymns	Other Remarks
Sunday, August 3	(C) 8:30 a.m. (M) 10:00 a.m.	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-14; 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	“Rich Toward God” Luke 12:13-21	(C) TLH P.5; 430, 26, 425, 400 (M) LSB 203-212; 730, 797, (636sts.1,3,5,7; 732, 783, 781), 861	Holy Communion at St. John's.
Sunday, Aug 10	(C) 8:30 a.m. (M) 10:00 a.m.	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34	“Fear Not, Little Flock” Luke 12:22-34	(C) TLH P.15; 244, 347, 315, 648 (M) LSB 184-193; 743, 771, 735, 736 (tune: 839)	Holy Communion at St. Luke's. “Blessing of the Backpacks” at St. John's.
Sunday, Aug 17	(C) 8:30 a.m. (M) 10:00 a.m.	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:16-29 Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3 Luke 12:49-56	“So Great a Cloud of Witnesses” Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3	(C) TLH P.5; 463, 413, 464, 660 (M) LSB 184-202; 677, 678, (631, 673, 748, 716), 720	Holy Communion at St. John's.
Saturday, Aug 23	(M) 6:30 p.m.	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 66:18-23 Hebrews 12:4-29 Luke 13:22-30	“The Door to the Kingdom” Luke 13:22-30	LSB 184-202 (Printed out); TLH 14, 609, 308, 355	Service in the St. John's Memorial Chapel with Holy Communion.
Sunday, Aug 24	(C) 8:30 a.m. (M) 10:00 a.m.	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 66:18-23 Hebrews 12:4-29 Luke 13:22-30	“The Door to the Kingdom” Luke 13:22-30	(C) TLH P.5; 14, 609, 613, 355 (M) LSB 184-193; 791, 516, 526, 680	Children's Message at St. John's.
Sunday, Aug 31	(C) 8:30 a.m. (M) 10:00 a.m.	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:2-10 Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14	“Humble Trust in the Unchanging Christ” Hebrews 13:1-17	(C) TLH P.5; SD 21, 26, 39, 27 (M) LSB 184-193; 807, 837, 813, 790	Children's Message at St. John's.
Sunday, Sept 7	(C) 8:30 a.m.	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Deut 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-35	“The Cost of Discipleship” Luke 14:25-35	(C) TLH P.5; 451, 421, 175, 400	
Sunday, Sept 7	(M) 10:00 a.m.	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Deut 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-35	(Pastor David Benning, Trinity, Nashville)	(M) LSB 203-212; Holy Communion at St. John's. Joint service with Trinity, Nashville, hosted by St. John's, in celebration of our partnership in Trinity-St. John Lutheran School.	



Christ Our Rock

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Where Faith and Knowledge Grow!

Dear Business Owner or Manager:

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is proud to announce our 21st annual Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction fundraiser, scheduled for October 18, 2025. I am writing to request your company's assistance in helping us achieve this year's goal of raising funds for our school. Our 2024 auction resulted in much competitive bidding on over 450 items by the 300+ people in attendance. With the help of generous donors like you, I am confident that we will have another successful event!

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is a parochial school located in Centralia, Illinois. We are presently in our twentieth year of operation and have 108 students enrolled. We moved into our first-class facility in the Spring of 2007 and are excited about the continued growth that we expect over the coming years. *Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's mission is to educate and equip today's youth in faith and knowledge while guiding them to become Christian leaders.* We truly feel that Christ Our Rock is filling the need in our community for a Christian high school that provides personal attention and a challenging academic program.

We are soliciting donations of new saleable products or services from businesses, organizations, and individuals to be placed on our auction for the benefit of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. We believe that this is a "win-win" proposition. We certainly benefit by the sale of your items during our auction and your company benefits as well by:

- Your company and your product or service, along with its associated value, being listed in our auction program, on display for over 400 people to see at the event, and listed on our website;
- Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is a 501(c)3, ID # 41-2088016, not-for-profit institution serving the educational and spiritual needs of students and families, therefore your contribution is tax-deductible; and,
- Best of all, you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that all proceeds generated from your contribution will directly benefit the students of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to participate in the success of this effort! We would appreciate any donation of merchandise, certificates, or other items from your organization. *If you want your item(s) listed in the auction booklet, they need to be turned in by October 1, 2025. Anything received after this date and up to the day prior to the auction will be added to the booklet on an addendum page.* Should you have questions about this event or about Christ Our Rock, please do not hesitate to contact us at 618-226-3315 or visit www.corstallions.org.

This event also includes sponsorship opportunities for businesses that do not provide products or services conducive to the auction. Please contact us for more information about the sponsorship opportunities.

Our sincerest thanks to you for your help and consideration,

Don W. Duensing
Executive Director / Principal

The 21st Annual

Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction

to benefit Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

You and/or your business will gain exposure while helping the ministry of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School by choosing one of the following opportunities:

Diamond Sponsor: \$1000 Choose this sponsorship opportunity and you will be listed in the auction book as a premier sponsor, recognized through a verbal announcement, featured on a sponsorship sign, and listed on our website. You will receive 10 tickets to the auction at a reserved table with your name displayed on the table. You will also have a personal student attendant designated just for your table all evening.

Platinum Sponsor: \$750 Choose this sponsorship opportunity and you will be listed in the auction book as a premier sponsor, recognized through a verbal announcement, featured on a sponsorship sign, and listed on our website. You will also receive 8 tickets to the auction at a reserved table with your name displayed on the table.

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Silver Sponsor: \$250 Through this sponsorship you will be listed in the auction book, recognized verbally, printed on a sponsorship sign, and listed on our website.

Bronze Sponsor: \$150 At this sponsor level you will be listed in the auction book, recognized verbally, printed on a sponsorship sign, and listed on our website.

The 21st Annual Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Christ Our Rock LHS,

Centralia Silent Auction opens - 4:30 p.m. / Dinner - 5:45 p.m. / Live Auction begins
- 7:30 p.m.

Last year's auction was attended by over 300 people.

Yes, we would like to sponsor this event by being a...

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If you have a Diamond, Platinum or Gold sponsorship, please provide us with names & addresses of each person for your tickets, or you may call the office with names/addresses **no later than October 4, 2025**.

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Please send form and payment to Christ Our Rock LHS, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801. For more information contact Dan Kueper, CORLHS School Relations Coordinator, at (618)226-3315, Fax (618)226-3312, dkueper@corlhs.org, or visit www.corstallions.org.