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ALWAYS PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

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God tells us in 1 Peter 3:15, "*Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you.*" This is one of the strongest and clearest Scripture passages that states our responsibility for individual Christian witness. Whenever anyone inquires about our Christian hope, we are to be ready with a good answer.

Our Christian hope is the salvation we have in Jesus Christ – ultimately the resurrection and glorification of our bodies and everlasting life in the world to come. Topics that touch on this hope can come up in all sorts of conversations with family and friends. Are you prepared to make a defense of our Christian hope when you are involved in such discussions?

For example, if someone said, "If I ever become seriously disabled, I just want people to let me die," would you be prepared to make a defense? Could you explain how our Christian hope impels us to care for disabled people, as opposed to starving them or withholding medical care that could help them live and perhaps improve? Could you describe how our Christian hope gives us the strength and endurance to bear disability and other afflictions here on earth?

Or if a friend asked, "How can you believe in the Bible's story of creation, when reasonable science points to evolution?" could you respond with a good answer? Could you point out some of the many serious scientific flaws in evolutionary theory? More importantly, could you bear witness to our Christian hope, that we are creatures with special dignity, who are being renewed in the image of our Creator, finally to be renewed fully in the resurrection, when the whole creation will be regenerated?

Or if a coworker said, "The Muslims worship the same God we do, and they're just trying to get to heaven, the same as we are," how would you respond? Are you ready to speak the truth about the living God, that He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and none other? Can you tell in a humble and gentle manner about the certainty of everlasting life we have because of Jesus Christ and His loving payment for sin?

Or if someone commented, "It doesn't matter what you believe; if you're a good person, you'll go to heaven," could you give a helpful answer from the word of God? Would you be prepared to tell that person the good news that *Jesus'* goodness counts for us, and that His death paid for all our sins, so that we will go to heaven through faith in Him?

Fellow Christians, God's direction that we should always be prepared to make a defense for our Christian hope reaffirms the importance of abiding in the word of Christ! We need to be well acquainted with what God actually teaches in the Bible, so that we are ready to be good witnesses to Jesus Christ and the living hope we have in His life, death, and resurrection for our salvation.

So let's all be diligent disciples of Jesus, steadfastly hearing and studying His word as we listen to it in the divine services and Bible classes here at church, and as we read it in our homes. God Himself will build us up in Christian knowledge and trust, and make us ready to speak the happy truth of our hope in Jesus Christ!

- Pastor Bishop

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Christian Education
Sunday School

Perfect Attendance
August 2023

Pre-School/Kindergarten
Matthew Nauth

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Oct 01

Brayden Hoover

Oct 02

Elizabeth Niemann Beaman
Trevor Reese

Oct 04

Norah Abatie
John Adkins
Melissa Hoyle
Vincent Tennell

Oct 05

Hanna Hicks

Oct 06

Pastor Daniel Bishop
Addison Decker
Silas Gould
Madelyn Hicks
Maci Hicks

Oct 07

Richard Becker
Paul Driskell
Sean Kelley

Oct 08

Geirfridar Byers
Benjamin Gould
Zachary Stoehr
Linda Wagner
Katherine Wright

Oct 09

Brayden Bounds
Griffin Glass
Brian Williamson

Oct 10

Robert Oliverius

Oct 11

Lucas Woith

Oct 12

Joyce Long

Oct 13

Douglas King

Oct 14

Wilmadean Habberfield
Tricia Thomason
Diane Wagle

Oct 15

Denise Adkins
Sharon Parry
Michael Wiseman

Oct 16

Shelley Gee
Becky Hacker
Abby Hall

Oct 17

Nicole DeBoer
Garret Kesselmayer
Laura Nelson

Oct 20

Eric Dupent
Kelsy Stoehr

Oct 21

James Bohannon
Michele Deiss

Oct 21 cont.

Mackenzie Hoyle

Oct 22

Lidia Bishop
Julie Noble

Oct 23

Gregory Becker
Kaleb Ista

Oct 24

Brian Fuelberth
Adam Miller
Dawson Reese

Oct 25

Brian Ford

Oct 26

Delmar Deiss, Jr.
Nicholas Nafziger
Daniel Sego

Oct 27

Ryan Engelbright

Oct 28

Jamie Bohannon
John Durdle
Thomas Ivey

Oct 29

Alecia Blakeslee
Shane Decker
Beth Ruder

Oct 30

Olivia Driskell

Oct 31

Bonnie Guengerich
Robert Whitlatch



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Oct 01
Ross & Diane Gould

Oct 03
Jonathan & Shantel Becker
Eric & Amanda Ferguson

Oct 05
Troy & Susan Keefer
Mickey & Debee Pitchford

Oct 07
Brian & Molly Hicks

Oct 10
Garret & Shayla Kesselmayr
Brian & Tracy Lundeen

Oct. 13
Del & Laura Beideck

Oct 15
Mark & Tomi Pfan

Oct 17
Mike & Stefanie Wilson

Oct 18
Matthew & Monica Lappie

Oct 20
Mike & Jackie Nauth
Joseph & Lori Schiavone

Oct 21
David & Nancy Drockelman
Brian & Ann Fuelberth

Oct. 23
Philip & Janelle Hopping

Oct 25
Terry & Nancy Swearingen

Oct 29
Daniel & Michelle Watson

Oct 31
Horst & Waltraud Hupke

No daily meal is complete without the "Bread of Life."

PARISH NOTES



Church Attendance

Aug 2023	484	12
Aug 2022	454	12
Aug 2021	470	15

Sunday School Attendance

Aug 2023	1079
Aug 2022	1010
Aug 2021	992

ACOLYTES

Oct 8
8:00 Elizabeth Sayles



Oct 23
10:30 Elizabeth Sayles

Elders Communion Assistance

Oct 01 8:00 Tom Ivey
10:30 Steve Depew

Oct 15 8:00 Randy Couch
10:30 Jon Bolt

Oct 29 8:00 Randy Couch
10:30 Steve Depew

REMINDER

With the end of the year approaching, we will be looking for volunteers to help fill vacancies on the various committees. If you are asked, please consider helping.

Thank you.

Videographers

Jim Lonergan

Worship

Vince Tennell



Ushers

8:00

10:30

James Lonergan
Scott Stalter
Merle Wiseman

Brian Ford
Nate Ford
Trent Hoover
Brian Umbach

USHERS

Ushers are needed at both services. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vince Tennell @309-202-8868.

The Flower Chart for 2024 has been ordered and will be posted in the Narthex soon. Please sign-up for the Sunday(s) that you would like to provide flowers for the altar and **call the office, 347-2136**, and let us know what you would like in the bulletin.

If you want special flowers for the Altar you need to call Greenhouse Florist -347-592 - or they will do seasonal flowers.

Remember you can pick up your flowers after the 7:00 p.m. service (please leave the green liners) or Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Flowers are \$40.00 (unless you order special flowers then there could be an additional charge) with a \$10.00 delivery charge. Checks should be made payable to St. John's. We can contact you when we receive invoice from Greenhouse.



**TREASURER'S REPORT
AUGUST, 2023**



**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY
September 11, 2023**

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
INCOME	36,406.00	243,922.37
EXPENSES	36,605.50	255,104.70
INCOME-EXPENSES	<u>\$ (199.50)</u>	<u>\$ (11,182.33)</u>
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund		14,756.61
General Fund Total		14,756.51
Educational Fund Accounts		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		2,948.56
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/21		51,928.87
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/22		51,900.80
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		62,640.26
Educational Fund Total		169,418.49
East Bluff Property		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		38,138.74
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/21		53,808.61
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/22		53,837.70
Cat Stock at FMV		103,738.00
East Bluff Property		249,523.05
Memorial		
Memorial Fund Checking		30,984.43
Memorial Vanguard		93,760.18
Memorial Fund Total		124,217.10
Building Fund Checking		31,984.43
Sunday School Fund Checking		12,608.49
TOTAL ASSETS		\$602,508.17
Checking Account Balance		
Checking Account Balance		92,755.01
TOTAL		92,755.01
LIABILITIES		
Payroll Liabilities		2,569.01
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		10.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,579.47
Fund Balance		
Net Income (Loss)		19,233.44
Capital Accounts		580,695.26
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		599,928.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		\$602,508.17



Mike Nauth called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

Randy Couch gave a re-cap of his experience at the Synodical Convention. Randy indicated that he learned a lot and noted that it was an uplifting experience. He stated that everyone was very enthusiastic. The next convention is in 3 years in New Mexico.

The June, July and August Parish Reports were reviewed. A question was asked as to what is the difference between being released and removed from the membership roll. It was indicated that people are released when it is at their own request. A person is removed when they have not responded to the calls and letters being sent asking if they wish to remain with the church. Our by-laws do indicate that if a person has not attended church for 2 years, they can be removed. A motion was made by Dave Drockelman, seconded by Dave Kesselmayer, to approve the June, July, and August Parish Reports. Motion carried.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Julie Wagner, seconded by Tom Ivey, to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Rod Bollinger presented the June, July, and August Treasurer's Reports. Rod indicated that in June, expenses exceeded income by \$1,734.58. The General Fund showed as a negative amount but the fund was not overdrawn. Extraordinary items included a payment for maintenance to the HVAC system. July's income exceeded expenses by \$8,608.00. We did receive the rent from Comcast on the Veteran's property in the amount of \$10,000. This helped with the deficit. August expenses and income were pretty much break even. The year-to-date deficit is \$11,182.33.

A motion was made by Randy Couch, seconded by Ray Barnes, to accept the June, July, and August Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmayer thanked those who helped with the church picnic and noted that it would be fun to do that more often. Dave also noted that the taxes and insurance on the Ewe's Home Furnishings property increased. Ewe's Home Furnishings has agreed to pay an extra \$20.00 a month to the church to cover the additional cost. Gary Pool has been in contact with Homefield Energy. The church will be signing a 3-year contract with them to help save on our electrical bill. This should save approximately .05 per kilowatt. We have had some roof leaks recently. Kreiling Roofing has repaired the leaks. There was some ceiling damage noted in the men's room which led to finding some drain lines that were leaking. Maquet Plumbing will do this repair as well as some additional work in the upstairs bathroom. We are waiting on a

price for the cost of a new drinking fountain in the new addition. The Trustees have received 2 bids for the replacement of the rooftop units. Waldinger Corp provided a bid of \$19,353.40. Cordts provided a bid of \$13,770.00. The Trustees voted to accept the bid from Cordts and would like to make a motion to approve as well as a motion to forego the requirement to hold over the expenditure as they would like to get these replaced before the winter.

The Trustees motioned to approve accepting the bid from Cordts in the amount of \$13,770.00 to replace the rooftop units. Dave Drockelman seconded. Motion passed.

The Trustees motioned to forego holding over the approval of the expenditure to the next Voter's Meeting so the work can get completed before bad weather sets in. Cheryl Ivey seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Elders – Tom Ivey reported that the Elders assisted one family with expenses and are still working on contacting people and trying to get them to decide as to whether they want to remain on the membership roll. They still have quite a few people to get through (about 30 names). A question was asked about approximately how many requests for assistance we get. Tom noted that the Elders have been working with one family for a while but hopefully things will start getting better for them in the future. Tom indicated that Ameren is the most common expense that people need assistance with. Pastor Bishop noted that with the increased costs for food and gas that people were struggling with those items also. It was indicated that the Elders Fund is nearing depletion which is limiting the ability to help. If the fund runs out of money, the Elders will bring the matter before the Voters Assembly to see how to proceed. Tom noted that the Elders do not help with rent assistance or temporary housing. Additionally, it was noted that the Salvation Army also does not have the capacity to help with housing but the Community Center downtown does assist with meals and showers. Tom indicated that volunteer opportunities exist at the Community Center.

Board of Finance – Rod Bollinger reported that the board met last week and discussed the budget process for the upcoming year. Daryl should be sending the budget forms out next week to the committees. The forms should be returned by the end of October. The CD's we have in the Educational Fund and the East Bluff Property Fund were cashed in early so we can get new CD's with better interest rates. The board also discussed financial reporting to the voters. They are working on a proposal to improve the reporting. Rod noted that Daryl Dagit has served 6 terms as Treasurer so he will need to step down at the end of this year. The Board of Finance will also need a new member next year. If anyone is interested in serving in either capacity, please let the board know. The board's next meeting will be October 23rd.

Board of Christian Education – Leslie Hauk reported that the board met on September 3rd. The Sunday School teachers met for their annual meeting on August 23rd.

Rally Day was held on August 27th. Ten children attended – Pre-K through 4th grade. The picnic was also held on August 27th with more than 50 people in attendance. Leslie thanked Thrivent for a grant that provided chicken and table service/paper goods. Leslie noted that most people like the venue, but parking presents a problem for some. Good Shepherd Lutheran School's dining out this month is at Texas Roadhouse on September 12th. The school participated in the Marigold Parade and had a float entered. The youth will meet on September 30th at Sharon Perry's house to provide help with yard work and mowing. Final numbers on the auction were in the \$150,000 range. Mike Nauth gave a quick update on the school. The scholarship fund at the school has been used to help with tuition. The fund has helped 3 or 4 children this year. Mike noted that the fund is pretty much depleted. Mike also noted that the enrollment for pre-school is full but there is still room in grades K-8. If you get a chance, stop out and take a tour of the school.

Board of Worship – Diane Gould reported that the board met on last week. Their main focus remains finding an accompanist for the choir so Allison can concentrate on directing. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let the committee know. Diane also noted that they will have 2 committee members who will be leaving at the end of their terms. If you are interested in serving, please let Diane know.

Board of Evangelism – Pastor Bishop reported that the committee met in August and worked on arrangements for the Marigold Festival. Julie Wagner noted that there were a lot of people who stopped by the booth for water and candy. The children's books were popular.

Board of Stewardship – Pastor Bishop reported that on-line giving is up and running. He indicated that it was easy to use. Sandy has information in the newsletter. The Music for Missions concert will take place on October 1st. Information is in the bulletin and the newsletter. It was noted that people like seeing the bulletin information on Facebook. It was stated that our regular webpage also has a lot of good information about the church.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – NR

New business – Steve Kesselmayer inquired as to whether people thought we were at a point where we could resume having greeters at the services. Maybe start with holiday services. The Worship Committee will consider this at their meeting. Elections are coming up soon for next year. If you are interested in serving on a committee or know

someone who wants to serve, please have them talk to a committee member. Mike Nauth thanked those who helped with Rally Day and the picnic.

A motion was made by Tom Ivey, seconded by Cheryl Ivey, to close the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner
Secretary

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LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, but forfeit his soul." Mark 8:36

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

YOUTH GROUP

Watch the bulletins for the upcoming activities.

Next month is our Fall cleanup for senior church members. If you would like help with your yard work, please contact Pastor Bishop.

Women In Faith—LWML

Our next meeting is November 4, 2023 due to December being very busy.

We are changing our meeting dates from the first Saturday in March, June, September and December to the first Saturday in February, May, August, and November to avoid holiday issues.

The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) are once again selling the Dining Tour Books as a fundraiser for the Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services.

The cost is \$30 each.

If you would like to purchase one, please contact Marilyn Liescheidt at 346-0396.

SHUT-INS of the MONTH: Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month.

Shut ins for October are: Lois Becker, Lacon Rehab & Nursing, 401 9th St., Lacon 61560; Lucille Benker, Cedar Hurst of Pekin, 2700 S.14th St., Apt. 108, Pekin; Viola Deppert, Cedar Hurst of Pekin, 2700 S. 14th St., Apt. 120, Pekin and Marcille Frevert, 1107 S. 4th St., Pekin

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL DINING OUT SCHEDULE

October 5, 2023 - Papa Murphy's
(Scrip cards available)

November 7, 2023 - Chick Fil A
East Peoria

December 7, 2023 - Panda Express

January 17, 2024—La Gondola
Pekin (4 to 7 pm)
(Must use paper flyer or digital flyer, or mention GSLS)

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October 6 - No School - CID/SID Teacher Convocation

October 10 - No School - Indigenous Peoples Day/ Columbus Day

October 19 - PTL Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 20 - Trunk or Treat

October 22 - Sing at St. John's - Sand Prairie at 8:00 am

October 26 - Early Dismissal, P/T Conferences 1 to 7 p.m.

October 27 - No School, P/T Conferences 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

**LWGPA & Church Mouse
A Tasting and Fun —LSSI**

Enjoy a Wine Tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at 2 pm on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023. You'll taste how Award-Winning Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines enhance any part of your dining experience, from appetizer through dessert, for a fun and delicious sensory experience, and a chance to participate in some "Taste or Dare" challenges.

Door Prizes, fun and fellowship and a light supper follow (Grilled by the Mackinaw Lions Club), and a Silent Auction and Raffle of donated items. Relax with live music by the "Hearts of Harmony" women's barbershop ensemble, and piano music by Don Bauer.

Enjoy the picturesque scenery and explore the winery and vineyards. Additional Wines, Cheeses and Gourmet Chocolates may be purchased.

Tickets are \$30 per person (write your checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria) Proceeds will go to the LSSI Children's Community Services program.

ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED! To get yours, mail a check and your Email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. We will send you an Email receipt, and your tickets, or hold your tickets for you at the door. We need your reservations by October 15.

Questions? Call Pepper at Home, (309) 697-5762, Cell (309) 657-5726, or Email: pepperbauer@att.net

**CID CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Our Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund provides loans to our congregations and schools at interest rates often below those of commercial institutions, because it is a non-profit agency of the church that exists to support the mission and ministry of the church. The CID CEF obtains these funds through investments of the members of our district congregations, and pays competitive interest rates. For example, they are currently paying 4.0% on an 18 month investment certificate. If you are interested in a stable investment that helps support the work of God's kingdom, you may visit cidlcms.org and click on Church Extension Fund, and then Investments, from the pull down menu.

LCMSFOUNDATION

In 1971, Herb and Rachel lost their son in the Vietnam War. Though that was 52 years ago, Herb and Rachel still remember the day they received the bad news. Today, their son would have been 71. They wonder why they are still living at 94, when their son's life was so short. They are thankful that in Jesus, both they and their son will live with Jesus in eternity.

A year before their son left for Vietnam, he had married, and his wife was expecting a child when he left. Through the years, Herb and Rachel felt responsible for this child, but now they know that at age 52, their grandson is a successful, happily married man with children of his own. The plans they included in their estate 52 years ago are no longer needed for his survival.

Herb and Rachel feel it is time to rebalance their estate plan, equally dividing the family inheritance between their two surviving children, and this grandson. As they contemplate this, they realize that both of their children, just like their grandson, are quite comfortable financially. But they have been hearing a lot lately at Church that families need scholarship support to send their children to the Lutheran School. There is an endowment fund set up for that purpose. They feel their estate plan should include a gift for this endowment. Yet at their age, the work of figuring this all out on their own seems intimidating. They called their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, who led them with some questions, to finally settle on a \$100,000 gift for ministry. They found out they could create this gift simply by changing a beneficiary designation on their IRA which they never touch. They are thankful more children will be taught about Jesus, just like their son was when he was in this school.

Do you sense that your plans are changing? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you organize that new plan. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.



We received thank you letters from:

Lutherans for Life for our gift.

and

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis for our donation.

We also thank all our committee members and volunteers for all their work in and about the church during the year. Bless you all.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS –

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS is a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LC-MS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at ISU in Normal, at the Wittenberg Lutheran Center.

The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin, Illinois on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Music for Missions will feature guest organist Peter Wykert, Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria. It will also include music from vocalists, choir, and hand bells, as well as congregational singing. A free-will offering will be gathered to support our Wittenberg Lutheran Center at ISU.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

October is Church & School Workers Appreciation Month

We thank all our church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

Christ Lutheran in Normal is having a seminar (Hall of Tyrannus) presented by Dr. Ken Schurb on Saturday, October 21st, from 10am-4pm. Dr. Schurb's subject is "The Concordia Walkout: Why & So What". Check in starts at 9:30am. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. You may sign up by scanning the QR code on the posters or at <https://www.christlutherannormal.org/events-announcements>

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 309-452-5609, ext. 2 or email, clcms@christlutherannormal.org

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pastor Niemann | Sandy Morgan |
| Billie Jackson | Flo McClure |
| Robert Rilea | Peggy Farlin |
| Jeff Ferree | Marlana Montgomery |
| Addie Burling | Julie Rilea |
| Gabriella Kesselmayr | Eileen Tiona |
| Lois Becker | Virginia Tackmann |
| Pat Proehl | Suzanne Reising |
| Kellen Norman | Joyce Barnes |
| Lee Morgan | Ray Garber |
| Roy Dagit | John Durdle |
| Susan Oliverius | Sara Morgan |
| Suzanne Reising | Stefanie Wilson |
| Scott Ruschmeyer | |
| Anna Leake (Lila Lisenbee's sister) | |

Jacksonville Circuit Reformation Service and Fellowship

Please join us on Tuesday, October 31, at 7 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Bluffs for our circuit Reformation Service and Soup and Sandwich Meal. The meal will begin at 6:15 followed by Divine Service with guest preacher District President Michael Mohr. There will also be a circuit choir and brass accompanying the hymns.

Those wishing to participate in the choir or wanting more information please call or text Pastor Lesemann at (309) 256-6514. *(Please note: Trinity's basement where the meal will be served is not handicap accessible but arrangements can be made for those wishing to partake in the meal.)*

Address is 1585 Trinity Rd, Bluffs, IL, 62621. Trinity is located at the corner of Neeleyville and Trinity roads, about half way between Chapin and Bluffs.

German Meal – Monday, Oct. 9, 4:30-7 at **St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath**. This meal will help support our mission work among the deaf in the Central Illinois District and at Christ for the Deaf Lutheran church in Jacksonville. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Root Beer. For those coming from out of town the "google" address is (13961 E CR 1100N, Bath, IL 62617). Sincerely, Pastor Brian Lesemann St. John's and Salem Lutheran Churches

(Address Service Requested)

Bible Wordsearch

WORDSEARCH 257

MATT.12:1-12

Jesus the Healer 6

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DAVID	CONDEMNED
DESIRE	DESECRATE
FALLS	DISCIPLES
GOD	ENTERED
GRAIN	GREATER
HEADS	HUNGRY
HEAL	INNOCENT
HOUSE	KNOWN
JESUS	LAWFUL
LORD	LOOKING
MEAN	PHARISEES
MERCY	PRIESTS
PICK	REASON
SHEEP	SABBATH
PLACE	SACRIFICE
TEMPLE	SHRIVELED
	COMPANIONS

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