

# St. John's Journal

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## LUTHERAN DISTINCTIVES

### IV. Lutherans believe that the Bible alone is the final authority for Christian teaching. Part 3

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Because we Lutherans believe that the Bible alone is the final authority for Christian teaching, it is also characteristic of us to reject all teachings and writings that are contrary to the Holy Scriptures, even if those teachings and writings come from the supposed authority of visible church hierarchy, or from what claims to be religious scholarship.

Here we need only let the Scriptures speak for themselves. They contain many warnings against false prophets – people who claim to speak for God, but who speak falsehood instead. Jesus said, “Take heed that no one deceives you, for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ...Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ...Then, if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

*Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-25*

God also says through the apostle Peter, “Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.” *2 Peter 3:15-17*

God warns us in these passages against falsehood that comes from within the visible church – from men who claim to be religious authorities. They make false claims and twist the Scriptures. We Lutherans refuse to follow them simply because they claim some sort of church authority. If they speak contrary to the Word of God, we reject them. You may also read Galatians 1:6-9, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, and 1 Timothy 6:3-4 for more warnings against falsehood that comes from people who claim religious authority.

At the same time, the Bible warns us against falsehood that comes from fallen human reason or philosophy. In the name of “Biblical” scholarship, science, enlightened reason, or progressive thought, people speak and write all sorts of things that are not compatible with the truth of God's Word. So God tells us to watch out. He said through Paul, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” *Colossians 2:8* Again “For it is written: ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.’ Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” *1 Corinthians 1:19-20*

Therefore when we Lutherans hear claims from people who fancy themselves scholars, scientists, philosophers, academic elitists, or other self-proclaimed intellectuals, but their ideas go against the Word of God, we reject them. We trust the Lord and His Word, confident that He will destroy the so-called wisdom of the “wise.”

Here is an example of what we Lutherans confess regarding religious authorities who are in error: “They (our Roman opponents) quote the statement, ‘Obey your leaders.’ This statement requires obedience to the Gospel; it does not create an authority for bishops apart from the Gospel. Bishops must not create traditions contrary to the Gospel. When they do so, we are forbidden to obey them by the statement, ‘If anyone preaches another gospel, let him be accursed.’ *Galatians 1:8*” - Apology (Defense) of the Augsburg Confessions XXVIII:20 For more related passages from the Lutheran Confessions, read Augsburg Confession XXVIII:21-25, Smalcald Articles II.IV:14, and Treatise 55-57.

Concerning falsehood promoted by what claims to be human reason, we Lutherans hold to this: “We dare not permit any objection or human contradiction, spun out of human reason, to turn us away from these words (the words of Jesus), no matter how appealing our reason may find it.” - Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration VII:45

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Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

**Christian Education**  
**Sunday School**

**Perfect Attendance**  
**August 2024**

**Third/Fifth Grades**  
Aiden Harms

**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**

Tricia Thomason  
Diane Wagle

**Oct 15**

Sharon Parry  
Michael Wiseman

**Oct 16**

Shelley Gee  
Becky Hacker  
Abby Hall

**Oct 17**

Nicole DeBoer  
Garret Kesselmayr  
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

**Oct 24**

Brian Fuelberth  
Adam Miller  
Dawson Reese

**Oct 25**

Brian Ford

**Oct 26**

Delmar Deiss, Jr.  
Nicholas Nafziger  
Daniel Segó

**Oct 27**

Ryan Engelbright

**Oct 28**

Jamie Bohannon  
John Durdle

**Oct 29**

Alecia Blakeslee  
Shane Decker  
Beth Ruder

**Oct 30**

Olivia Driskell

**Oct 31**

Bonnie Guengerich  
Robert Whitlatch



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**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**  
Joseph & Lori Schiavone

**Oct 21**  
David & Nancy Drockelman

**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 2024	431	12
Aug 2023	484	12
Aug 2022	454	12

**Sunday School Attendance**

Aug 2024	1006
Aug 2023	1079
Aug 2022	1010

**ACOLYTES**

**Oct 6**  
10:30 Silas Gould

**Oct 13**  
10:30 Kenna Donovan

**Oct 20**  
10:30 Silas Gould

**Oct 27**  
10:30 Kenna Donovan



**Elders Communion Assistance**

**Oct 06** 8:00 Randy Couch  
10:30 Jon Bolt

**Oct 20** 8:00 Randy Couch  
10:30 Ross Gould

**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.

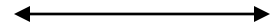
Thank you.

**Videographers**

Rod Bollinger

**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 2025** 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, 2024**



**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY  
September 9, 2024**

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	23,332.41	246,000.15
<b>EXPENSES</b>	32,977.22	262,286.58
<b>INCOME-EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ (9,644.81)</u>	<u>\$ (16,286.43)</u>
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
General Fund		20,099.48
<b>General Fund Total</b>		<u>20,099.48</u>
<b>Educational Fund Accounts</b>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		1,948.56
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/21		51,863.96
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/22		51,835.93
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		64,813.66
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>		<u>170,462.11</u>
<b>East Bluff Property</b>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		39,462.97
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/21		53,741.35
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/22		53,770.40
Cat Stock at FMV		131,401.97
<b>East Bluff Property</b>		<u>278,376.69</u>
<b>Memorial</b>		
Memorial Fund Checking		36,847.12
Memorial Vanguard		97,009.74
<b>Memorial Fund Total</b>		<u>133,856.86</u>
Building Fund Checking		34,783.33
Sunday School Fund Checking		13,128.47
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$650,706.94</u>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>		
Checking Account Balance		106,806.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>106,806.96</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payroll Liabilities		2,708.58
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		122.05
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,830.63</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Net Income (Loss)		34,982.79
Capital Accounts		612,893.52
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>		<u>647,876.31</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		<u>\$650,706.94</u>



Ross Gould called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

The June, July, and August Parish Reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Nancy Drockelman, seconded by Diane Gould, 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 Cheryl Ivey, to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Rod Bollinger presented the June, July, and August Treasurer's Reports. Rod highlighted those payments that are not typical monthly expenses. July's income included the quarterly payment from Xfinity for rental of the property on Veterans Drive. July's expenses included the quarterly payment for insurance and for some roofing repairs. A question was asked about the increase in the payment to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Enrollment increased so our monthly payment increased. The cost per student to the GSLS member congregations is a little over \$13,000. The formula for our portion of the payment is based on the average enrollment over a 3-year period. After August, our year-to-date deficit is sitting at around \$16,300.00. A motion was made by Dave Kesselmayr, seconded by Nancy Drockelman, to accept the June, July, and August Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmayr reported that the bell tower work will be completed this fall. Stratus is done with the work to update the phone system and the Wi-fi. The guest password is Stjohn711. Dave indicated that Sandy Ferguson will make placards showing the Wi-fi password to be placed around the church. The roof leak was fixed by Kreiling Roofing. There was also a roof leak at Ewe's Home Furnishings that was repaired by the Trustees. There was a plumbing leak for which repairs have been completed. The rack for the chairs has been installed. Dave met with the city about work on new sidewalks in conjunction with the upgrades being made to Court Street. A baby changing station has been installed in the women's restroom in the new addition. There will be a work day on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Rod Bollinger asked about a monthly payment being made to Yellow Pages for an ad. Tracy Glass reported that the Evangelism committee has decided to discontinue this expense. Tracy will check to see when the payments will end. Gary Pool led a discussion regarding the church cemetery. Gary indicated that the Trustees are considering the feasibility of opening the cemetery, located in the church's East Bluff property off Veteran's Drive, to our members and their families for future burial sites. This would involve selling plots in either the existing cemetery or adjacent land to the east of the cemetery.

The funds received from the sale of these plots would be placed in a single purpose trust fund to be used solely for the care and maintenance of the cemetery. A few members of the church have shown interest in burial plots if the Trustees were to move forward with these plans and some have expressed valid concern regarding the church's ability to care for the cemetery in the long term. If you are interested in the possible purchase of burial plots, please contact Gary Pool or one of the Trustees. Any thoughts regarding this are welcome at the next Voters Assembly Meeting. Further questions and discussion took place. Gary is going to do some more research surrounding possible costs, who could buy plots, etc.

Board of Elders – Ross Gould reported that the Elders had a couple of requests for assistance with Ameren bills for approximately \$200.00 each that were approved by the Elders.

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman reported that the committee plans to meet in September to get budget information ready to send out to the committees.

Board of Christian Education – Leslie Hauk reported that the youth's activity in July was mini-golf and the next activity on October 20<sup>th</sup> will be a wiener roast. Leslie thanked everyone who helped with Rally Day. Seven students were in attendance. An additional Sunday School teacher is still needed once a month for Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The committee is also looking for a replacement Sunday School teacher beginning January of 2025. Leslie thanked everyone who attended and helped with the Church Picnic. Good Shepherd Lutheran School will have their Jog-A-Thon this month. The board also discussed the rising costs of educating students at GSLS and the financial responsibility of church member parents. The approximate cost of education per student is \$13,000. Tuition is currently \$5,100 per year. The question brought forth, "how much should a member family be expected to contribute in offerings toward their student?" After discussion, the Board recommended that St. John's families with students at GSLS should be encouraged to contribute 40% of tuition or more if possible (\$2400). This would be in keeping with the spirit of the original design plan when the school was chartered. It was noted that another avenue to assist with tuition is by participating in the Script program.

John Neumann reported on the Good Shepherd Board meeting. John indicated that the board will be discussing whether to do away with the Script program as it is underutilized and takes a lot of time. Good Shepherd started the year with 121 students in Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (in comparison, St. Josephs started with 47 students). John explained the increase in the monthly payment made by St. John's to GSLS. The capital campaign will kick off in October. Starting September 27<sup>th</sup> John will be talking to each congregation about the campaign. The goal is to pay off the mortgage by the 2026-2027 school year. John indicated that the school is fully staffed. It was noted that the proceeds from Ewe's Treasures and Ewe's Home Furnishings

have really helped the school. The board meetings have been changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Letters asking for donations to the capital campaign will go out in October.

Board of Worship – Julie Wagner reported that the committee met last week. There was no information to report at the current time.

Board of Evangelism – Tracy Glass thanked those volunteers who helped with the booth at the Marigold Festival. Tracy indicated that the board is considering doing a printed directory in the future. The board is also still looking for members.

Board of Stewardship – No report.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report. A question was asked as to whether some of the money in this fund could be used to offset the increase in the monthly payment to Good Shepherd. Ross Gould indicated that recent changes to the funds mission statement could allow for interest earned on the money to be used for this purpose.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – No unfinished business. A big thank you was extended to the Trustees for all the work they have been doing to make improvements at the church. It is greatly appreciated. Ross Gould also indicated that the number of members on boards have been down. Board chairpersons should be thinking about nominations for next year.

New business – No new business.

A motion was made by Bob Oliverius, seconded by Jennifer Kesselmayr, to close the meeting. Motion carried

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner  
Secretary





**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**

The next activity for the Youth Group will be a wiener roast on October 20.

Next month is our Fall cleanup to help our senior church members.

If you would like help with your yard work, please contact Pastor Bishop.

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**Women In Faith—LWML**

Our next meeting is November 2, 2024. We meet in the church basement at 10:00 a.m.

We will be collecting items for the St. John's Share Program.

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**Camp CILCA** – G.R.I.T. RUN is October 5 –

*Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run—5K*

Open run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Coaches run for free and family members of high school participants run for \$15. Find out more at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org).

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.

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Our Lutheran attitude can nicely be summed up in the words of Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." *John 6:68* And so we stick with the words of the Lord Jesus, no matter who tries to convince us otherwise.

- Pastor Bishop

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**Trinity Lutheran Church, Manito** will be selling pork chop sandwiches on Saturday Oct. 5th at Meyer's Country Garden, Manito. Sale will start at 11am. Proceeds will support Trinity's participation in the Manito "Snow Buddies" program.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL DINING OUT SCHEDULE**

October 15, 2024 - Monical's Pizza

November 7, 2024 - Papa Murphy's

December 10, 2024 - Chick-fil-A East Peoria

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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

October 11 - No School - CID Teacher Conference

October 14 - No School - Columbus Day

October 17 - PTL Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 18 - Trunk or Treat 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

October 24 - Early Dismissal, P/T Conferences

October 25 - No School, P/T Conferences

October 30 - Fall Picture Retakes

LCMSFOUNDATION

**SHUT-INS for 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: Mary Beck, Charter Senior Living of Pekin, 2700 S. 14th St., Apt. 214, Pekin; Lucille Benker, Charter Senior Living of Pekin, 2700 S.14th St., Apt. 108, Pekin; Viola Deppert, Charter Senior Living of Pekin, 2700 S. 14th St., Apt. 120, Pekin and Marcille Frevort, 1107 S. 4th St., Pekin.

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

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**Reversing Roe: Part 3  
(provided by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life)**

The 22-year effort by Allen E. Parker Jr., his team at The Justice Foundation, and several other pro-life organizations is too complicated to explain fully in this brief review, but if you read the whole story you will see that the words of God spoken to His people by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 28:14-22 were understood by Allen Parker to be a prophesy that the “covenant with death will be annulled”, and the “pact with the grave will not stand” was also speaking about abortion in our time. Other verses spoke to him that God was telling him to undertake this seemingly impossible task. Many tools were used by The Justice Foundation to accomplish the miracle of reversing Roe after almost 50 years as the law of the land including:

- The Moral Outcry Petition declaring abortion to be a crime against humanity was signed by 539,108 Americans.
- The sworn testimonies of 4728 women were filed by Operation Outcry describing how they personally were injured by abortion.
- Before The Moral Outcry Petition was born, a book called The Law of Judicial Precedent was co-authored by eight judges, including two appellate court judges named Kavanaugh and Gorsuch, saying that “severe criticism” was a valid reason to overturn a prior wrong decision.
- The first known legal brief ever to be filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by a formerly frozen embryo, Hannah S, who is now a college graduate.

“So this is an interesting story”, you might say, “but now that the Dobbs decision has reversed Roe v Wade and legal abortion is no longer the law of the land, doesn’t that pretty much settle it”? Watch for Part 4 next month.

Finishing up a round of golf, Sam complained about being so busy that he can’t golf as much as he wanted to in retirement. “My game is still bad, and I can’t play enough to get better. Between doctor appointments, meeting with my financial advisor, attending the two boards I serve on at Church, and all the projects my wife gives me, I just can’t play.” Frank replied, “I know what you mean. My wife wants us to redo our estate plan, but I keep telling her that I’m too busy already. I think we should just hand it over to the kids and let them worry about it.”

This sentiment is common, as the task of creating or updating a Christian estate plan seems daunting with the thought of hard work and expense. There is both work and expense involved, but that price has a value. In the gift plan you create, you are directing God’s gifts. He has entrusted them into your care. With that trust comes responsibility to put a plan together along with choosing responsible representatives to ensure accountability to make sure your wishes, God’s plan, is carried out.

With a friend, you can get started on this project and find it won’t really be that bad. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be that friend. For help, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information or to start your plan.

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Lutherans for Life thanks us for our gift.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis thanks us 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.

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The members of **St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Bath** will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary on Sunday, October 20. Our guest speaker for the 10:30 service will be the Rev. Art Schauer pastor of St. John's from 1970 to 1975. After the 10:30 service there will be a catered meal followed by a picture of the gathering in the sanctuary. At 2:30 there will be a service of thanksgiving and song with guest organist Brenda Donoho. The guest speaker for the afternoon service will be District President Rev. Michael Mohr. Following the service the celebration will conclude will be a reception in the church basement.

If you plan on taking part in our celebration please let us know and RSVP by October 1, 2024. Let us know if you are going to attend the catered meal and/or reception following the 2:30 service by emailing us at: [Stjohnslutheranbathil@gmail.com](mailto:Stjohnslutheranbathil@gmail.com)

**MUSIC FOR MISSIONS –**

**MUSIC FOR MISSIONS** is a sacred music concert and hymn sing in support of Christo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin.

Music for Missions will feature guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, the Bells of St. John's, St. John's Sanctuary Choir, and ample congregational singing.

A free will offering will be gathered to support Christo Rey Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Central Illinois District, LC-MS.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome!

**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.

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**Do You Believe in The Sanctity of Human Life?**

Please join **Lutherans for Life** during our **Life Chain** event on **Sunday, October 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Life Chain is a *peaceful* and *prayerful* public witness of pro-life individuals quietly standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. This is an annual observance of the Life Chain which occurs simultaneously in over 1,200 locations across our nation and in Canada (see [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net)).

We will meet at 2:00pm at the Planned Parenthood on 2709 N. Knoxville, Peoria, IL. The Life Chain will stretch north and south from there. Signs are provided by Central Illinois Right to Life. If you have any questions, please contact LFL President, Bob Wegner, at 309-481-4886. God bless.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

All our shut-ins

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Pastor Niemann        | Sandy Morgan    |
| Robert Rilea          | Jeff Ferree     |
| Peggy Farlin          | Debbie Miller   |
| Addie Burling         | Julie Rilea     |
| Eileen Tiona          | Keith Gleason   |
| Gabriella Kesselmayer | Paula Jensen    |
| Pat Proehl            | Suzanne Reising |
| Kellen Norman         | Joyce Barnes    |
| Lee Morgan            | Ray Garber      |
| John Durdle           | Suzanne Reising |
| Anna Knussman         | Butch Williams  |
| Megan Gould           | Rosetta Turner  |
| Kathy Daly-Unfricht   | Melvyn Gentry   |
| Bob Hurst             | Ruthanne Scott  |
| Deanna Oltman         | Michelle Watson |
| Beth Kammeyer         | Wilma Garber    |
| Pam Woolsey           | Shirley Gentry  |

The **Trustees** are having a work day on Saturday, October 12. Volunteers are welcome. They will begin work at 8 a.m.

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The U.S. Post Office on Broadway will have a "Truck or Treat" on Saturday, October 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. They will decorate their mail trucks and will hand out candy.

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(Address Service Requested)

# Bible Wordsearch

WORDSEARCH 257

MATT. 12:1-12

## Jesus the Healer 6

K	N	O	W	N	H	U	N	G	R	Y	L	O	G	N
A	N	S	W	E	R	E	D	H	E	A	L	N	S	A
P	I	N	O	S	A	E	R	C	C	G	I	H	R	E
I	A	O	D	E	K	S	A	C	R	K	R	D	D	M
C	R	I	E	C	O	L	U	E	O	I	D	I	P	L
K	G	N	S	D	P	S	A	O	V	E	I	S	R	U
T	D	A	I	S	E	T	L	E	N	M	V	C	I	F
E	E	P	R	Q	E	S	L	M	S	U	A	I	E	W
B	R	M	E	R	L	E	E	H	H	D	D	P	S	A
R	E	O	P	L	D	D	S	C	T	O	A	L	T	L
E	T	C	A	L	N	R	P	I	R	A	U	E	S	J
A	N	F	I	O	E	C	O	E	R	A	B	S	H	E
D	E	Y	C	R	E	M	K	L	E	A	T	B	E	S
L	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	H	H	E	A	U
G	O	D	T	N	E	C	O	N	N	I	S	P	Y	S

ASKED	ACCUSE
BREAD	ANSWERED
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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