

CIRCUMCISION & NAMING OF OUR LORD

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8:00am & 10:45am



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Divine Service I with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Mike, Nick, Dan; 10:45 – Phil, Harold, John, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Jack & Charlie; 10:45 – Jordan & Peter.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Mimi, David- grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley- great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Alex, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Kai, John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Glenda.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>Naming & Circumcision of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | <i>School Resumes</i> ; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board |
| Wednesday | 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Epiphany Service w/Holy Communion |
| Friday | <i>Epiphany</i> |
| Saturday | 9:00 Church Undecorating |
| Sunday | <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |

2023 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table in the hallway near the fellowship hall, please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

Office Email – The church office email address is churchoffice - at - stjohn-lcms.church. Please add this new email into your email address book and remove the old address to make sure the Office receives your emails.

Fellowship Board will not meet in January.

Please help us undecorate the church, Saturday, January 7th at 9am. Many hands will make the tasks go quickly. Thank you.

E.A.T. Night @ Hickory River – The next E.A.T Night will be on Monday, January 9 from 4-8pm. Hickory River (3514 Fields S. Dr., Champaign) is donating 15% of total sales back to the St. John Lutheran School PTF. Dine-In, carry out, and drive thru are all included. Flyers are needed and available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohnls.com. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

LWML – All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the January 17, 2023 LWML soup supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will also consist of a devotion and short business meeting. A sign-up sheet may be posted by the main office. Further information will be made available as the actual meeting date approaches.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser – The Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, January 27th, 5:30-7pm. Tickets will available later this month. There will be a Dessert Auction. Please consider donating a dessert. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the fellowship hall. This is a fundraiser for Middle School class trip in 2023-2024. Immediately following will be the Talent Show.

PTF Talent Show – Do you have a special skill or talent? Want to perform a silly skit with your friends? This is your opportunity. The possibilities are endless. Gather your friends, step out of your comfort zone and hit the stage. Acts should be no longer than 3-4 minutes. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Young Adults – There has been interest expressed in having a young adults group at church as a way to enjoy fellowship with others of similar age. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 who would be interested please contact Sara. We are looking to have our first meeting next week.

Witness and Outreach – Luke 2:40-52: At the age of twelve, Jesus obediently went to Jerusalem with Joseph and Mary to celebrate the Passover. But, Jesus was also aware of the truth that He was the only-begotten Son of God and needed to be in constant contact with His Father. He needed to be able to have a connection with His Father to carry out the mission He was sent to Earth to accomplish. Christmas reminds us that Jesus is God's greatest gift to the world. What a privilege we have to share God's gift of a Savior with others. May we always be ready and willing to share this Good News whenever and whenever the opportunity arises.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Lord's Prayer

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

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What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Bible Passage: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Hymn 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (v 1-2)

Psalm 92:1-5

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Epiphany of Our Lord – Matthew 2:1-12

The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents – Matthew 2:16-23