

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2018
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Reverend Jeff Caithamer

Interim School Principal: Faith Block

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**stand as you are able*

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Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY – Organist & Choir Director: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Stephen, Steve, John & Dave. 10:45 – John, Jeremy, Larry & Terry. **Greeters:** 10:45 – Linda.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Philip -son of Starley; Brandon -nephew of Brenda; Gladys, Keith, Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel - niece of Judy, Leona, Lois, Marta, Nicholas - grandson of Tony & Jill, Ellie, Lucille, Joyce -sister of Joan, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale - brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Johnny -son in law of Letty; Jason -grandson of Lois; Joan, Jeannette, Connie -sister in law of Linda, Nancy, Maxine, Ken; *for those in the military:* Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna -, Ben, Allyson, Tom; *for our homebound:* Esther, Walt, Frank, & Geneice.

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

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

Introit – With the start of the new church year, we introduce a new (old) way of singing our Introit. The Pastor and congregation will sing in alternation. The Pastor will sing the first verse, the congregation will sing the second verse, etc. All will sing the *Gloria Patri* together at the end.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for 1st Grade - 8th Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

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| 1 st & 2 nd | Room 4A | 7 th & 8 th | Room 2B |
| 3 rd & 4 th | Room 1C | High School | Youth Room |
| 5 th & 6 th | Room 4B | | |

The Nominating Committee members are Kurt, Tony, Dan, John and Mike, working with Pastor Caithamer and Matt to develop a slate of officer candidates for 2018. If you're interested in serving in church office in the coming year, please feel free to speak with any of them. Thanks to all the committee members for helping out.

Winter Season – This time of year, it is common for people to accidentally take the wrong coat home with them. Please check that you are taking the correct coat, and if you have a coat that does not belong to you, please bring it back to the coat room. Thank you.

Lifelight is back. Join us for a 9-week Bible study on the book of Acts, part 2. You can come Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm, Thursday mornings at 9am, or Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Classes start January 17th/18th. To sign-up, look for our table in the overflow on Sunday mornings, or contact Eunice, Matt, or Neil.

LWML – Our next meeting will be held on January 22nd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a soup supper, fellowship and Bible study. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Fire Alarm/Security System – Finance Board is asking that the members of St. John prayerfully consider giving beyond their normal offering amounts to go towards this project. Finance Board would ideally like to have 50% of the cost come from this additional giving.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Jan. 8-14: Monday – No School, E.A.T. @ Panera on Kirby Ave., 4-8p, VB HOME vs. Countryside, 5:30p; Tuesday – School Resumes, Ram Rebate Orders Due, 3p, Yearbook Committee Meeting, 3:30-4:15p, BBB HOME vs. Thomasboro, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring food offering for St. John Food Pantry; Thursday – BBB HOME vs. Danville Lutheran, 6p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Ram Rebate Pick up, 5th – 8th Grade Geography Bee, 1:45p, VB HOME vs. Calvary, Normal, 6p

Have you heard of THRED? THRED is an online Lutheran Hour Ministries outreach platform. THRED focuses on making connections with those outside of the church by fostering open and honest conversations (via blogs and moderated comments) about issues of life, faith, and Jesus. December's topic is reconciliation. Past discussion topics have included consumerism and gratitude for privilege in the midst of poverty. Check them out at lhm.org/thred or by searching for THRED on Facebook.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |
| Monday | 4:00 E.A.T. @ Panera (ends at 8:00) |
| Tuesday | <i>Day School Resumes</i> ; 6:00 Elders, Finance Board |
| Wednesday | 8:05 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 10:00 Evangelism; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir |
| Sunday | <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir) |

Tuesday/Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class – Class will resume on Wednesday, January 10th.

Handbells – There will be no handbell practice on Wednesday, January 10th.

Men's & Mixed Choir will resume on Thursday, January 11th, at 6:00pm and 6:45pm respectively.

E.A.T. @ Panera – The January E.A.T. night will be at Panera on Kirby Ave. tomorrow, January 8th, 4-8pm. Panera is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flier or show it on your smart phone to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Fliers are available on the Narthex table. Panera Gift Cards (\$10) are available through Ram Rebate. See you there.

Pasta Dinner – Friday, Jan. 19th, 5-7pm – Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship. The 7th grade class is hosting the dinner to raise funds for their class trip to Gettysburg and Washington, DC next fall. The meal includes penne with marinara, meatball, breadsticks, and salad. Desserts will be available at the Live and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased from a 7th grade student, in the school office or at the door.

Desserts for Pasta Dinner – If you would like to donate a dessert for the dessert auction during the Pasta Dinner, there is a signup sheet by the school office or contact Kim or the school office.

St. John Lutheran School Talent Show, Friday Jan. 19th, 7pm (following the Pasta Dinner) - Do you have a special talent? Want to sing a song, perform a silly skit, or play a musical instrument? If you would like to perform in the talent show, please fill out a form (one per act) and return it to the school office no later than Tuesday, January 16th. Entry forms are on the Narthex table. Acts should run no longer than 3-4 minutes and must be approved by the Talent Show Committee.

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.

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.

The Conclusion – For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

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

Hymn 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 67

Bible Readings for the Week:

Behold the Lamb of God – John 1:19-34

Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night – John 3:1-16

The Woman at the Well – John 4:1-26, 39-42

The Pool of Bethesda – John 5:2-15