



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 – John, Robert, Steve & Kurt. 10:45 – Matt, Larry, Jeremy & Dan.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* John & Bonnie and family at the death of Bonnie's mother Jean; the family of Jim Ziegler at his death; Leona and family at the death of husband Richard; *upcoming surgery:* Glenda; *for healing and recovery:* Rick, Philip -son of Starley; Brandon -nephew of Brenda; Gladys, Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel - niece of Judy, Lois, Nicholas -grandson of Tony & Jill, Ellie, Lucille, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Judy, Judy -sister of Larry, 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:* Leona, Betty, Avis, & Floyd.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html> or call the church office at 359-1123.

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!

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		

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.

Thank You for all of the prayers for Marta and her whole family for the past seven months. The Wehrspann Family

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.

2018 Altar Flower Chart is now available in the overflow if you would like to reserve a date to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of someone or an occasion. A few of the upcoming available dates are: February 4th, 11th, and 18th.

2018 Offering Envelopes are on a table in the hallway to be picked up. Please discard all envelopes from previous years since many numbers have changed. If you do not have envelopes but would like them, please let the church office know.

Greeters needed – Please consider being a greeter. The sign-up sheet is located in the overflow next to the flower chart. It is combined with the sign-up for Ushers. This is an important outreach for our visitors as well as our members. We want all to feel welcome. Thank you from the Evangelism Board.

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.

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.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Day School Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00 Lighthouse; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lighthouse; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Saturday	10:00 Jim Ziegler Funeral
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, January 16th, at 1:00 pm.

Lighthouse 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.

Desserts for Pasta Dinner – If you would like to donate a dessert for the dessert auction during the Pasta Dinner (January 19th), there is a signup sheet by the school office or contact Kim or 359-1714(school office).

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.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Jan. 15-21:
Monday – No School, VB @ St. Thomas, Philo, 6p; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, 1p, BBB HOME vs. Countryside, 5:30p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives; Thursday – BBB HOME vs. Next Generation, 6p (last home game), VB @ Cornerstone Christian. 6p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Pasta Dinner, 5-7p, Talent Show, following dinner, approx. 7p; Sunday – All School Choir Sing, 8:00a & 10:45a

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. January's topics include the importance of word choices, vocation, and making rest a priority. Past discussion topics have included reconciliation, consumerism, and gratitude for privilege in the midst of poverty. Check them out at lhm.org/thred or searching for THRED on Facebook.

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:

Baptism

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16

Bible Passage: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Hymn 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (sts. 3-5)

Psalm 62:5-12

Bible Readings for the Week:

Noah and the Flood – Genesis 6:5, 13, 17-19; 7:11-12, 16-17, 21-23; 9:1

The Red Sea – Exodus 13:17-14:31

Israel Crosses the Jordan – Joshua 1:1-2, 10-11; 3:1-17