



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 - Dave, Kurt, Kendall & Larry. 10:45 - Terry, Matt, John, Jr. & Jeremy. **Day School Choir Director:** Sal Percoco. Violin: Lois.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Dave & Donna in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary January 19th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following 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:* Phyllis, Mary, LaVonne, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

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 and 18th.

2018 Offering Envelopes are on a table in the overflow. 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.

We Need Your Help - We are still in need of greeters. You can sign up on the Greeters/Ushers sheet in the overflow area in the back of the church. Thank you from the Evangelism Board.

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.

Do You Know Someone who has questions about life and about God? Are you unsure of where to guide someone for additional insight into faith in God? Tell them to check out THRED, an online ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Topics covered include the importance of word choices, vocation, making rest a priority, consumerism, and gratitude for privilege in the midst of poverty. Check them out at lhm.org/thred or searching for THRED on Facebook.

Lutheran Piety - You can listen to an in-depth series with Pastor Will Weedon, author of the new book "Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey." Teachings include: Listening to the Word of God, Daily Prayers, Receiving the Eucharist, Confession of Sins & Absolution, Sacrificial Giving, Good Works and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	9:00 MOPS; 6:30 LWML; <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 6:30 Stewardship; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:30 PTF; 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
Sunday	8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

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.

Faith & Family Night - Please join us for our next Faith & Family Night on Friday, February 2, 5:30-7:00pm. We will have a kid-friendly dinner together, a brief devotion, and a family activity to help us prepare for Lent. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. Families with children of all ages are invited. These evenings are great opportunities to get to know other families, while also helping your children grow in their faith.

LYF Youth Group (Ages 6th grade and up): Please join us at the faith and family night at St John Friday, February 2 at 5:30. We will have supper and devotion and break off to have Bible study. Bring your favorite board or card game and snack or drink to share and a friend or two as we will have game and open gym until 8:30. Please RSVP so we are sure to have enough food to Mrs. Ruhlig.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Jan. 22-28: National Lutheran School Week, Monday – Decade Day, Ram Rebate Orders Due, Last day to order February Lunches – no late orders, VB @ Calvary, Normal, 6p; Tuesday – Tacky Tuesday, Yearbook Committee Meeting, 3:30-4:15; Wednesday – Dress Your Best, Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, PTF Meeting, 5p; Thursday – Class Color Day, BBB @ Danville Lutheran, 6p, VB @ Thomasboro, 6p, Winter Wonderland Reading Night for LL, Kindergarten and 1st grade families, 6p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Ram Rebate Order Pick-up, VB HOME vs. Next Generation

Thank you - The 7th grade class thanks everyone who came to the Pasta Dinner on Friday and to all who have helped us in our fundraising efforts over the last two years. We appreciate the support and ask that you pray for next September when we enjoy our trip to Gettysburg and Washington, DC. Thank you.

Camp CILCA Banquet - Tickets are on sale now for the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet on Sunday, January 28, from 5-8pm at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran in Springfield. The night will include music, dinner, and guest speaker Rev Dr Joel Heck presenting on the importance of God's act of creation. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by emailing or calling the CILCA office at camp@cilca.org or 217-415-2311. Childcare will also be available for \$5.

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 – 3rd Article

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." [Titus 3:5–8]

Bible Passage: Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." John 6:28-29

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 2

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jonah Is Swallowed by the Great Fish – Jonah 1:1-2:10

The Sign of Jonah – Matthew 12:38-45

Jesus Walks on Water – Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet – John 13:1-15