



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 for 8:00:** Keith Williams, **Organist for 10:45:** Nicholas Liese. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kendall, Larry, Stephen & Bob. 10:45 – Larry, Dan, Terry & John. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Ron & Susan; 10:45 – Linda.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Dorothy and family in loving memory of husband Elden who passed away 4 years ago today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Mark & Sherry and family at the death of Sherry's mother Alice; *following surgery:* Earl, Bill - son in law of Dave & Donna; *hospitalized:* Karen, Christine; *for healing and recovery:* Glenda, 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, Andy & Kent, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Judy, Judy -sister of Larry, Johnny -son in law of Letty; 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:* Helen, Lavina, Bob & Alice.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 4A	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 2B
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Room 1C	High School	Youth Room
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**Adult Information Class** - Starting next Sunday at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall, we will meet for ten sessions to study the Bible, to learn the essentials of the Christian faith, and to understand the Lutheran difference. If you're looking to join our membership at St. John, this class is a must. If you want to brush up on your knowledge of the core of Christianity, this class is perfect. And, if you want a way to introduce your friends, relatives, associates, or neighbors to the Christian faith, this is the right class. There is no risk and no obligation. Just come and learn. To sign up, email Pastor Caithamer or call the church office. See you there.

**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: March 4, 11, 25.

**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.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 MOPS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 Lifelight; 12:30 Widow's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 Faith & Family Night
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class

**Widow's Group** will meet this Thursday at 12:30 at Arby's on Springfield Avenue.

**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.

**It Is Time To Start Planning** for this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year is Splash Canyon. It will be held on June 18-22. Our first planning meeting is February 3 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact me, if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you! Faith Block

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool** – Jan. 29 – Feb. 4: Monday – VB HOME vs. St. Mary's, Bloomington, 6p; Tuesday – VB @ St. John, Mattoon, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, Yearbook Group Photos and Athletic Portraits; Thursday – VB HOME vs. Cornerstone, 6p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a

**Progressive Education vs Lutheran Education** - You can listen to in-depth teachings by Dr. Thomas Korcok of Concordia University Chicago on topics like: Methods Driven Education, Socialization, Technology in the Classroom, The Role of Teacher, Goodness & Beauty in Education, Teaching Worldviews 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 on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**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 – 4th Article

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” [Rom. 6:4]

Bible Passage: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 4-6)

Psalm 147:1-12

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin - Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32

David’s Sin with Bathsheba - 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Nathan Confronts David - 2 Samuel 12:1-25