



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 – Jim, Nick, Dan, Andy; 10:45 – Kurt, Phil, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Bill; 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 –** The flowers today are given by Dorothy and family in memory of the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elden’s death. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Greg-brother of Joyce, Mike, Mimi, David-grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, 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:* Brian, Charlie, Billy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Glenda.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 Lifelight; 6:00 Mixed & Men’s Choirs
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class** will be on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> this week.

**Fellowship Board** will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.

**Young Adults Group** will be meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00pm. There will be a devotion and games. You are welcome to bring food to share. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Sara.

**Ice Skating Party** – Everyone is welcome to attend this free event at the UI Ice Arena on Saturday February 11, 6-8pm. Whether you are a skating pro or a beginner, come out for a great night of fun and fellowship. Admission and skate rental are included.

**E.A.T. @ Panera** - The February E.A.T. night will be at Panera on Kirby Ave. on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-8pm. Bring in the flyer or show it on your smartphone to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website. Panera Gift Cards (\$25) are available through Ram Rebate. We hope to see you there.

**Salad Luncheon** – The ladies of St. John are invited for a salad luncheon on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in the overflow. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall so we can plan accordingly. If you have questions, please contact Cindy.

**Open House** - We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm. Prospective families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John this upcoming school year.

## **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-1<sup>st</sup> Room 5B

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 2C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

**New Member Class** – New Member Class is starting Sunday, February 5th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This class is intended for those who would like to know more about Lutheranism and are interested in becoming members of St. John. All of our current members are invited and encouraged to attend this class as a refresher course in the Lutheran faith. It also is a blessing to new members to get to meet and know current members. Please email Pastor Caithamer with any questions.

**Lifelight** – Our Bible Study on Proverbs, a 9-week study of God's words of wisdom has started. If you would like to join us, contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

**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.

**2023 Flower Chart** – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a number for the Altar Guild Ladies to contact you. Current available dates include February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> as well as all Sundays in March. Thank you.

**Witness and Outreach** – Matthew 5:1-12: When someone asks you, “How are you today?” How do you respond? So often we instinctively quip, “fine, okay, good as can be expected.” But those responses do not elicit much of a reaction. Today’s Gospel, the grace of God and the power of the Cross give us the opportunity to joyfully respond to that question with a bold, “Blessed”, “I am blessed in Christ.” We have the right and the privilege to boast in the Lord and the blessedness found only in Him. Why not make manifest the blessedness that is found in Jesus – and let that response be your sharing of the Good News that is found in you and through you only because of Christ.

**Unanswered Bible Questions - Issues, Etc.**, a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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:

## Confession

### *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

### *What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

### *Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Bible Passage: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Hymn 412 *The People that in Darkness Sat* (sts. 4-6)

Psalm 131

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jacob Journeys to Egypt to See Joseph – Genesis 46:1-27

Jacob Settles in the Land of Goshen – Genesis 46:28-47:12

Joseph's Vow to Jacob and Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons – Genesis 47:27

Jacob Blesses His Sons Before He Dies – Genesis 49:1, (2-27), 28-50:14