



**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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Larry, Dave, Kurt & Stephen. 10:45 - John, Dan, Terry, Jeremy. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Andy & Cindy; 10:45 - Linda.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - The altar flowers are given today by John & Charlene in celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of granddaughter Reagan's Baptism. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *upcoming surgery:* Rollin; *following surgery:* Judy -sister of Larry; *for healing and recovery:* Earl, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Glenda, Rick, Philip -son of Starley; Brandon -nephew of Brenda, Gladys, Sue, 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, 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:* Walt, Frank, Geneice, Esther.

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

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

**Ash Wednesday** this year is February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have worship services at 3:30 and 7:15pm. This will begin the Lenten season. There will be 5 Lenten midweek services with dinner served in between. Please join us.

**Today We Are Recognizing Sanctity of Life Sunday.** A door offering will be taken following each service for Lutherans for Life. Baby bottles will be handed out to collect funds for Living Alternatives. Please take a bottle, put in your spare change or more, and return it to the church in a couple months. Thank You

## **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** begins today 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 at home 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.

**Confessing Christ In A Hostile World** - You can listen to Lutheran leaders discuss topics like: The Religion of Sex, The State of the Church in Western Society, Defying the Devil in International Mission Work, The Urgency of Preaching, Two Kingdom Theology and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

<b>Today</b>	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:30 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 9:00 Lighthouse; 10:00 Evangelism; 1:30 Mary Martha; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lighthouse; 6:45 Mixed Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 Adult Information Class

LWML will not have their meeting this month.

**Mary-Martha** will meet at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the church overflow. Our speaker will be Emma Villanueva from WBGL. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

**E.A.T. @ Monical's** - The February E.A.T. night will be at Monical's on Mattis Ave. on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, all day. Monical's is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the Narthex table and in the school office. Don't forget to get your Monical's Gift Card from Ram Rebate. See you there.

**empty tomb Mega Work-A-Thon Fundraising Event and Food Drive** for this year will be held Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This annual event aims to tackle the problem of hunger in Champaign County in three ways: collecting food for needy families, having church representatives deliver the boxes and witness to the recipients, and raising funds to help empty tomb meet additional client needs throughout the year. You can help in one or all of the ways. Please see the narthex table for more information.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Feb. 5-11:** Monday – Ram Rebate Orders due; Tuesday – VB @ Countryside, 5:30p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for St. John Food Pantry; Thursday – VB Home vs. St. John, Mattoon, 6p; Friday – Little Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Ram Rebate Order Pickup; Saturday – VB JV Tournament @ Zion Lutheran

**Coming Up Next Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool:** E.A.T. at Monical's on Mattis on Monday, Yearbook Committee meeting on Tuesday, Lent Services at 3:30 and 7:15 on Ash Wednesday, Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, No School on Thursday and Friday; St. John Athletics: VB Home vs. Thomasboro and Danville Lutheran (JV) and Away @ Next Generation

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, for church and school building maintenance.

**Contribution Statements** were mailed out early last week. If you do not receive yours by early next week please notify the church office at 359-1123.

**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 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

Psalm 32

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Miraculous Catch of Fish – Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Heals the Paralytic – Matthew 9:1-13

Jesus Sends out the Twelve – Matthew 9:35-10:20, 40

Absolution for the Erring Brother – Matthew 18:14-35