



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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Mike, Jeremy, Dan; 10:45 – Chris, Jim, Phil, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Everett; 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 the Bernau family in memory of Jaylyn’s father who passed away on February 11th, 2022. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Mary Jane and family at the death of husband Larry; *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Greg-brother of Joyce, Mike, Mimi, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Brian, 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:* Noah, Nadia, Kai; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gaylord, Betty.

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

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

There will be a Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday	4:00 E.A.T. Night @ Panera; 5:30 Finance Board
Tuesday	12:00 Women's Luncheon; 6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:30 Lighthouse; 6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir
Friday	<i>No School</i>
Saturday	9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
Sunday	<i>Transfiguration</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 New Member Class

E.A.T. @ Panera - The February E.A.T. night will be at Panera on Kirby Ave. tomorrow, 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 14th at noon in the overflow. Please bring a salad to share; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall so that we can plan accordingly. If you have questions, contact Cindy.

Vacation Bible School – The time for VBS planning has arrived. The theme for this year is “God’s Living Water”, and it will be held June 19-23. We will be having a meeting on Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is interested is welcome to help us get our plans underway.

Young Adults Group will be meeting February 24th 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.

Open House – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 28th, 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	4 th -5 th	Room 3C
K-1 st	Room 5B	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek services starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, 2023. We will have services at 3:30pm and 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. A Lenten theme will be announced soon. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for future Lenten Dinners which will begin on Wednesday, March 1st following the 3:30 service.

Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you do not receive yours, or you have any questions or concerns please contact the church office.

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.

New Member Class – New Member Class will meet Sundays 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.

Witness and Outreach – Matthew 5:21-37: As Jesus teaches about sin, be that murder, adultery, divorce, or swearing falsely, it all begins in the heart. Jesus knows the heart of the matter begins with repentance and being made right with Him. Once our hearts are made right and confirmed in the truth, they can share the truth. Nothing is easier for us to share with one another than something that we have confirmed in our hearts. If in our hearts we are convinced that dark chocolate is better than white chocolate, we will speak about it with a conviction that rivals defending our favorite sports team. But it all begins in the heart, which the Bible says controls our thought, words and deeds. Let God create a clean heart in you and then reach out to the world with the truth that fills your heart from God.

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers – Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19th-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can listen at your convenience at 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:

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Bible Passage: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Hymn 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* (sts. 3-5)

Psalm 142

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt – Exodus 4:1-31

Moses Goes to Pharaoh – Exodus 5:1-23

The Lord Promises Deliverance – Exodus 6:1-13

The Lord Gives Signs – Exodus 6:28-7:24