



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Preaching and 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 & Director: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Steve, Dave, Bob & Kendall; 10:45 - Matt, Terry, John & Larry. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Dan & Joanie; 10:45 - Linda. Violin: Lois; Piano: Randy; 8:00 Organ Postlude: Eli.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Marvin & Esther in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary February 13th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Letitia and family at the death of mother Gladys; *for healing and recovery:* LaVonne, Earl, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Glenda, Rick, Brandon -nephew of Brenda, 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:* Philip -son of Starley, Judy, Johnny -son in law of Letty; Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine, Ken; *for those in the military:* Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zackery; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Mary, Mavis, Helen.

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

During Lent - We traditionally mark the Penitential nature of the season by omitting the Hymn of Praise, and by not singing "Alleluia." This year we will also do so by singing the Introit without accompaniment.

Voter's Meeting, Sunday, February 25 th , at 1pm in the fellowship hall.

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.

Adult Information Class has begun and we are on session 3 today. We are meeting for ten sessions total to study the Bible, to learn the essentials of the Christian faith, and to understand the Lutheran difference. If you have any questions, email Pastor Caithamer or call the church office. See you at 1:00.

Fire Alarm/Security System Update - The new fire alarm installation has been completed and is in service. The removal of the old system has begun, and we are awaiting final inspection and approval by the city sometime in mid-February. The congregation has raised in excess of \$24,000 thus far, which is approximately 25% of the total cost. The trustees and finance would like to see at least 50% of the total cost financed through the ongoing fundraising. Thank you to anyone who has donated their time or financially to this major project. The trustees are now in the process of securing final proposal quotes for the security system upgrade.

Cookies Needed - Our school's community Open House is coming up on Tuesday, February 27th. We would love to have six dozen cookies for visitors to the open house to enjoy. Please sign up on the sheet by the church office and bring your dozen to the church kitchen by Tuesday, February 27th at noon. Thank you.

Lenten Dinners - Sign-up sheets for donations of food items are posted on the youth board. Soups and Chili will be served on February 21st, Tacos will be served February 28th, and Sloppy Joes will be served March 7th. Dinner choices for March 14th and 21st are to be announced. Please consider helping by signing up to donate food. Thank you.

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.

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.

Equipping The Priesthood Of All Believers - Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: The Book of Judges, Responding to Objections to the Christian Faith, First Century Pastor & Martyr Polycarp, Paul Sails for Rome and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
Monday	<i>No School; Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 10:00 Visitation for Gladys Opolka; 11:00 Gladys Opolka Funeral Service; 6:30 Quilt Tying
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 4:30 Lenten Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	9:00 Lighthouse; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lighthouse; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 1:00 Voter's Meeting

LWML will not have a meeting on Monday, February 19th, 2018 but will be tying quilts for mission projects at 6:30pm. Please come join us no sewing skills needed. If you wish you may bring your scissors to cut the thread. Anyone interested in tying quilts please join us.

Reading Buddies will meet this Tuesday, February 20th, at 1:00 pm.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Feb. 19-25: Monday – No School – President's Day; Tuesday – Ram Rebate orders due, Reading Buddies, 1p, VB home vs. St. Thomas, Philo, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, Lent Services, 3:30 & 7:15p; Thursday – VB @ St. Johns, Buckley, 6p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Ram Rebate order pickup

Open House - We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:00-6:30pm. This will be an opportunity for prospective families 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. All classrooms will be open and all teachers will be available.

Faith & Family Night - Please join us for our next Faith & Family Night on Friday, March 2nd, 5:30-7:00pm. We will have dinner together, a brief devotion, an activity, and open gym time. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. Please note that we will be meeting in the gym lobby this time instead of the fellowship hall. Families with children of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend.

St John Youth Group (6th -12th graders): Join us for faith, fun and family night at St. John at 5:30-8:30 Friday, March 2nd for supper and then we will break into our own small group for Bible study while the younger ones do craft and have gym time. Then we will have open/gym and game night. Please bring a snack/drink to share and your favorite board or card game. Hope you can join the fun. Please RSVP to Vanessa so we can plan to have enough food for supper.

Lutheran Layman's League will be holding it's convention in our Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, March 17th titled "The Two Kingdoms and the Role of a Christian in the Political Process". Speakers will include former Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus. Registration fee is \$12 for adults, students and children free. Registration is due by March 5th, 2018. Please see Narthex table for registration forms and more information.

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 as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Hymn 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 2)

Psalm 50:1-6

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Bread from Heaven - Exodus 16:1-15, 31

Water from the Rock - Exodus 17:1-7

The Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1-20