



**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 - Stephen, Bob, John & Kendall; 10:45 - Jeremy, Larry, Matt & Terry. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Joyce & Jean; 10:45 - Linda.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - The altar flowers are given today by Leona and Brenda & Paul in memory of Wayne. The radio ministry is sponsored today by Gary & Ronda in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Cynthia and family at the death of husband Larry; *for upcoming surgery:* Pam; *for healing and recovery:* LaVonne, Earl, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill - son in law of Dave & Donna, Glenda, Rick, Brandon -nephew of Brenda, 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, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Philip -son of Starley, Judy, Johnny -son in law of Letty, Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zackery; *for our homebound:* Walt, Frank, Lavina, Geneice.

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 today at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall.
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## **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.

**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.

**Lenten Dinners** - Tacos will be served this Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for donations of food items are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. 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.

**Empty Tomb Mega Work-A-Thon Update** - All donations are due today. Food donations can be put into the labeled boxes in the coat room. If you'd like to sign up to be a driver and deliver food to a needy family in the C-U area, today is the last day to sign up. The yellow sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board right outside the Fellowship Hall doors. Questions? Contact Traci.

**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.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool** – Feb. 26 – Mar. 4: Monday – Yearbook Committee Meeting, 3:30p; Tuesday – Community Open House, 5:00-6:30p, VB @ St. Mary's, Bloomington, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives Wednesday – Lent Services, 3:30 & 7:15p; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a; Saturday – PTF Fun Fair, 4-6p

**Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind** - 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 topics include: The Movie "Black Panther," State Islam in France, The Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," Creation, Ruth, The Church and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 MOPS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:00 LL/K Day School Open House; 6:00 Parish Ed; 6:30 Stewardship; 7:00 Youth Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:05 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 4:30 Lenten Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
<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>Sunday</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Alleluia Ringers); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 Adult Information Class

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

**Open House** - We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 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 this coming Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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** (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders): Join us for faith, fun and family night at St. John at 5:30-8:30 Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Mary Martha** will meet on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. in the church overflow. Our speaker will be Kathy, Donor Relations Manager, Ascending Roots, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

**Lutheran Layman's League** will be holding it's convention in our Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**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 benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?* Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

**Bible Passage:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Hymn 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 3)

Psalm 6

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

The People Crave Meat – Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34

The Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1:1-17

The Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5:1-10

Offerings with Restitution – Leviticus 5:17-6:7