



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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 – Jeremy, Dan, Mike, Dan; 10:45 – Harold, Bryce, Mike, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & AJ; 10:45 – Nic & Noah.

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 altar flowers are given today by Jan and family in memory of the first anniversary of Chip Garth’s death on March 4th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Patty, Bob-father of Amanda; *for healing and recovery:* Jan, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Kevin, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Lavina.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	10:00 Lighthouse
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

Show Me Dough Fundraiser – Pick Up on Wednesday – As freezer space is limited, please make arrangements to pick your order up at 2pm. The 7th & 8th grade students thank you for your support.

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek services. We will have services at 3:30pm & 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. The Lenten theme this year is "*I Am a Worm and Not a Man*".

Lenten Dinners – You're invited to join us after the 3:30pm Lenten services for dinner. Upcoming meals include: 3/6-hot dog bar hosted by Fellowship. 3/13- dinner hosted by Fellowship. 3/20-dinner hosted by the Youth Group. Sign-up sheets to bring food will be available for upcoming meals next to the church office. We look forward to seeing you.

LWML will be holding a brief, special meeting in the Conference Room on Wednesday, March 13th at 4:45pm, immediately following the Lenten Service that day. This meeting is to discuss pertinent financial decisions in lieu of the cancelled January meeting to decide where the Cookie Walk Funds are to be given along with a collection for the LWML operating fund. Past Cookie Walk funds were given to our school, for confirmation and church banners, equipment for our kitchen, Missionary Kim, Empty Tomb, men's shelter, etc. Please come with your suggestions. Contact Donna E., for further information.

March E.A.T. Night – Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, March 18th, 4-10pm. Texas Roadhouse is giving back at least 10% of our purchases. We will receive a larger percentage with more Dine to Donate patrons, so spread the word. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website

www.stjohns.com. This fundraiser applies to dine-in and carry out purchases. Thank you for your continued support of these events. Gift cards are available from Ram Rebate in the school office.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 th -5 th	Band Room
K-1 st	Art Room	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 4B	High School	Youth Room

Music Notes – This morning's organ prelude is based on the hymn that we sing as LSB 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining." The text that was associated with the tune in in Bach's day is a setting of Psalm 137 - (By the waters of Babylon.) This is one of relatively few works for organ that calls for not one but two continuous lines that are played with the feet (one for each foot).

Palm Sunday Crosses – If you are interested in helping fold Palm Sunday crosses, using palm tree fronds (leaves), please let Ronnie or Bonnie know. We're thinking of a 2-3 hour time frame on Thursday, 3/21, &/or Friday, 3/22. If needed, Saturday, 3/23, some time may be added. Specific times will be set later. (You don't have to already know how to fold these & time commitment is whatever you can give.) This is something special that Susan did each Holy Week & we would like to keep the tradition going, if possible. Thank you.

Changes to Upcoming Newsletters – Due to changes to the USPS Bulk Mail system, we will be making a few adjustments to how you can receive the monthly newsletters. Please contact the church office or respond to Pastor's February Newsletter email with your preference on how you would like to receive newsletters moving forward. If you do not yet receive the newsletters but would like to be added to the list, please let the church office know. (churchoffice - at - stjohn-lcms.church or 217-359-1123). Thank you.

CID LLL Convention – The LLL District Convention will take place next Saturday, March 9th at 9am. The convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, IL. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Michael Zeigler will be the main speaker. Registration is \$25/person. More information can be found on the narthex table. Anyone interested in carpooling to the event can contact Bill.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt – We are planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31st during the Sunday School hour. Donation tags are available on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall to help with this event. Donation needs include plastic eggs and treats to go inside them and should be placed in the box in the coat room no later than March 17th.

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 Table of Duties

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:2–4)

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)

Bible Passage: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 15

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin – Mark 14:53–72

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – Mark 15:1–15

The King of the Jews is Mocked – Mark 15:16–32

Jesus' Death and Burial – Mark 15:33–47