



St. John Lutheran Church and School
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
 Reverend Jeff Caithamer

Interim School Principal: Faith Block

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| <i>*stand as you are able</i> | |
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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.

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 - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - John, Dave, Kendall & Stephen; 10:45 - Terry, John, Matt & Larry. Day School Choir Director: Sal Percoco.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - We remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Lucille; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Anna -mother of Bill; *for healing and recovery:* Kevin, Pam, Mary, Earl, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Brandon -nephew of Brenda, Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Nicholas -grandson of Tony & Jill, Ellie, 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:* Mary, Mavis, Bob & Alice.

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

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

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.

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.

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!

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| 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 | | |

Thank You - The family of Larry would like to thank Pastor Caithamer for his kindness and support during this time. We would also like to thank all of the wonderful ladies who provided the meal, from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless You.

Lenten Dinners - The last Lenten Dinner will be this Wednesday. The sign-up sheet to donate food items for the Sloppy Joe dinner is on the bulletin board outside the church office. A few desserts are still needed as well as hamburger and hot dog buns. Many thanks to all who donate.

The Church Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. We are looking for volunteers to help our youth with this event. Volunteers will be needed for various tasks and times starting April 15th going through April 21st. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office showing what help is needed. Please consider volunteering to help with this very popular community event. Questions? Contact Vanessa.

Easter Breakfast Volunteer Sign-Up - We are in need of volunteers to help with Easter Breakfast this year. Help needed includes set-up on Saturday, March 31st from 1-3pm as well as help Easter morning from 6-9am. There are sign-up sheets for this on the bulletin board next to the church office as well as the sign-up sheet for food items. Please consider volunteering your help or donating food for the breakfast. Any questions contact Vanessa.

Fire Alarm/Security System Update - The new fire alarm installation has been completed, is in service, and the removal of the old system has begun. The process has begun to secure final proposal quotes for the upgrade to the security system. 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.

Grant Funding From Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about. From this program, \$2,130 has already been directed to St. John Lutheran School during 2017. Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2018 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars to hundreds of worthy organizations. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply call 800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice after the prompt or go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Please don't let your Choice Dollars expire.
Ronda Craig, Congregational Advocate

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>4th Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class</i> |
| Monday | 5:00 E.A.T. Night at Culver's on Neil (ends at 8:00) |
| Tuesday | 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Elders, Finance Board |
| Wednesday | 8:05 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 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 |
| Saturday | CID LLL Convention- 9:30 Registration, 10:30 Convention |
| Sunday | <i>5th Sunday in Lent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class</i> |

E.A.T. @ Culver's – The March E.A.T. night will be at Culver's on South Neil St. on Monday, March 12th, from 5-8pm. Culver'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. We will be receiving an additional 10% by providing Food Runners. Come out and see who will be delivering your food.

Reading Buddies will meet this Tuesday, March 13th, at 1:00 pm.

The Lutheran Layman's League Convention is being held this year in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 17th. Registration begins at 9:30am and the Convention starts at 10:30am. It is 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. Together they will talk about the unique challenges that modern culture and politics are presenting to the church and how God's people can respond. Reservation deadline was March 5th, however it has been extended through tomorrow. Please call the church office by 3:00pm tomorrow afternoon to sign up.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool - March 12-18: Monday - E.A.T. at Culver's on Neil St., 5-8p; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, 1p, Yearbook Committee meeting, 3:30p; Wednesday - Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, Lent Services, 3:30 & 7:15p; Thursday – Beef House Rolls Pick-up, TBD; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Early Dismissal, 11:30a (11a for Little Lamb)

LWML - At our March meeting on the 19th we will be showing The First Rosa, a movie funded by LCMS about Dr. Rosa J Young, often referred to as the Mother of Black Lutheranism. She helped to found 35 Lutheran churches and 30 schools to serve some of the poorest people in Alabama. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend this opportunity to see Lutheran missions in action.

Historic, Authentic Christian Radio - You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: Apostolic Succession, 5th Century Missionary to Ireland Saint Patrick, The Lord's Supper, 2 Samuel and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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* (st. 1-2)

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