



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. Bob Frank. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Dan, Todd, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Mike, Mark, John. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Peter & Eli.

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 Rochelle in honor of parents’ wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace, hope and comfort:* Jan and family at the death of her son Chip Garth; *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for upcoming surgery:* Nancy; *for healing and recovery:* Joyce, Eunice, Robin, 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, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Kai, John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Dot, 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; Daylight Savings Time Begins; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion</i>
Monday	<i>Church Office Closed (March 13th & 14th); Day School Closed for Spring Break (March 13th -17th)</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifestart; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	9:30 Lifestart
Friday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday in Lent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class</i>

Spring Break – The Church Office will be closed March 13th and 14th. The School Office will be closed March 13th – 17th.

Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class will not meet Wednesday, March 15th due to Spring Break. We will resume on Tuesday, March 21st.

Handbells and Singing Choirs will not meet this week.

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek services. We will have services at 3:30pm and 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. There will not be a dinner this week, due to Spring Break, but please join us on Wednesday, March 22nd after the 3:30 service.

March E.A.T. Night – Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, March 20th, 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.stjohnls.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.

Show Me Dough Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who ordered items and supported the Middle School Class Trip. Dough-livery date is Wednesday, March 22nd. As freezer space is limited, please make arrangements to pick up your order.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Frank 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

4th-5th

Room 3C

K-1st Room 5B

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School

Youth Room

Witness and Outreach – John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42): Do you find yourself parched in the middle of this Lenten season? If you do, think of what the world that doesn't regularly taste the living water of God's Word must be going through. The Bible has what we have been thirsting for, and God's Spirit quenches our thirst with the life-giving sustenance of Himself. Do we know who is offering us the gift of living water? Or are we like the Samaritan woman looking everywhere else but the true fountain? The post-modern world in which we live is either is either not looking at all, or they are looking in all the wrong places for something to quench their thirst. The spiritual thirst mechanism is a gift from God. But Satan looks to satisfy the thirst with the things of this world rather than that which truly satisfies: Christ alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you draw from the only well that gives life, Jesus Christ Himself. Draw living water from this Well in the course of your daily living and satisfy the thirst of those around you by sharing Jesus Christ, freely pouring out His love and saving grace without limit.

St. John's School Art Class is seeking donations for used Legos (regular sized) for their end of year Art Show on April 28th. Please drop off donations to the church or school office. Thank you.

Top Podcasts in Religion and Spirituality – Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, consistently ranks among the Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality with Apple Podcasts. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

Enrollment for 2023-2024 – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students' minds in a safe learning environment, with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school. Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. For more information, please contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

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:

Table of Duties

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors – The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6–7)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (1 Timothy 5:17–18)

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Psalm 118:1-2; 15-24

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus Celebrates the Passover – Matthew 26:17-35

In the Garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-56