



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dave, Kendall, John & Steve; 10:45 – Jeremy, Larry, Dan & Terry. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Emma & Henry; 10:45 – Alexa. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Cindy. **Violin:** Lois.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Mark & Cheryl in celebration of their children's (Brendan, Emily & Anna) spring birthdays. The chancel flowers are given today by Jim & Dot in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on April 13th. The radio ministry is sponsored by Dan & Karen in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on April 16th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Leona; *for healing and recovery:* Cindy -daughter in law of Bob & Joan, Michael -son of Karen, Bob, Jr., Lucille, Kevin, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Hempel, Tom; for strength, hope, and peace: Anna -mother of Bill; *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, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, LaVonne, Helen, and Avis.

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

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

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		

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.

Thank you to all those who attended, donated items, and helped with set up, serving and clean up for our Easter Breakfast.

Noah Video at St. John – The Lutheran Hour video *Noah: the Man, the Ark, the Flood* will be shown in four parts on Wednesdays at 5:45pm, running through the end of the month. It will be held in room 3B downstairs in the school (the same room where Wednesday night Lifelight had been meeting). There will be discussion with each session, but no "homework." All are welcome.

St. John Youth Garage Sale – The Annual Sale is Friday, April 20, 5-8pm (\$2 Early Bird Admission) and Saturday, April 21, 8am-Noon (General Admission). The Bag Sale will begin at Noon. Donations can be brought to the school gym beginning on Sunday, April 15. Drop off times are Sunday until 3pm and Mon.-Wed. 3:30-6:30pm. There will be no drop offs accepted Thursday or Friday. We are unable to accept box springs/mattresses, baby and children's car seats, TV's or computer monitors or any broken furniture or other items. Do not bring items during the school day. If you have any questions please call Sue. Thank you so much for those who have volunteered to help and for your donations to help make this a successful fundraiser for our youth.

Fire Alarm Update – The system is fully functional but requires some minor changes to get a final approval by the city inspector. Trustees hope to have those revisions completed soon by the contractor. The fundraising efforts have collected just over \$29,000 to pay for the anticipated cost of approximately \$95,000. The remainder is being paid with existing funds. The Trustees and Finance Board hope to raise at least 50% or more of the total cost. We would like to continue to thank those who have donated time and finances to this project.

Volunteers Needed – We are in need of people to be wedding coordinators for our church. Basic responsibilities would be to answer questions for the bride and groom regarding the use of our facilities, run through the rehearsal, and be present for the wedding. Having wedding coordinators takes much responsibility off of the Pastor and church office, so having this service is very much appreciated. Our previous coordinators created a wonderful manual with all of the needed information readily available.

Education & Edification...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 topics include: Men & Church, Christian Privilege, Making the Case for Life to Millennials, Megachurch Pastor Mark Driscoll's Return, Deaf Ministry and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
Monday	6:30 LWML Salad Supper
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:30 PTF; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 5:00 Garage Sale
Saturday	8:00 Garage Sale; 9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 1:00 Adult Information Class

The LWML Salad Supper is tomorrow, April 16th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker is Carmen Gronewold, Associate Director of the North America Peace Rehabilitation Center in Nepal.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, April 17th, at 1:00pm.

Men's and Mixed Choirs are cancelled on Thursday, April 19th.

PTF Allocation Requests – It's time for PTF to allocate funds for the 2018-2019 school year. If there is an item you think the school or church needs, please fill out an Allocation Request Form. All requests must be approved by the school office and appropriate church board(s) before PTF can review the requests. Forms are available in the school office. The deadline to submit forms is Tuesday, April 17th.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – Before you start your spring planting, purchase \$10 Prairie Gardens Gift Cards sold by PTF. PTF gets 20% from each card sold. Gift cards may be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens. The money earned from this fundraiser goes towards items that the teachers or school need to purchase, family fun events throughout the school year, and special requests from the teachers for classroom items. Gift cards are available now in the school office.

VBS Planning Meeting – We will be having a planning meeting on Saturday, April 21st at 9am. We will be going over plans for VBS, ordering supplies, and going over the Bible Lessons. If you are unable to make the meeting and are willing to help, please contact me or sign-up on the bulletin board. We still need volunteers in the preschool rooms and adult volunteers to lead the children to the different sites. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Faith.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – April 16-22: Achievement Testing for 2nd-8th grade – ALL WEEK; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, 1p, Track Meet at Rantoul, 4:30p, PTF Allocation Requests for 2018-2019 Due; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, PTF Meeting, 5p; Thursday – Track Meet at St. Thomas More (5th/6th), 4p; Friday – St. John Youth Garage Sale, 5-8, \$2 Admission; Saturday – St. John Youth Garage Sale, 8a-2p, Bag Sale at noon, Track Meet at Bethel-Morton, 9a; Sunday – K-3rd Choir sing, 10:45a

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 Husbands

To Husbands – Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

Bible Passage: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Hymn 464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (sts. 3-5)

Psalm 148

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Death of Joshua – Joshua 24:13-31

The Conquest of Canaan Continues – Judges 1:1-9, 27-33; 2:1-6

Israel's Unfaithfulness and the Judges – Judges 2:7-23