8:00am & 10:45am



## 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 – Dan, Rex, Bob, Andy; 10:45 – Chris, Nick, Jim, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Makenzie; 10:45 – Noah & 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 Elton in remembrance of Lea's birthday on April 25th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* The family of Lindermann at his death; *for healing, peace, and comfort:* Karl-brother of Judy; *for healing and recovery:* Mark, Byron, Judy, Lindsey, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Margaret, Isabelle, Erin; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Lavina.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain: <a href="http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html">http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html</a>

**Voter's Meeting** – There will be a Voter's Meeting Today at 1:00pm in the Fellowship

#### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

**Today** 2nd Sunday of Easter; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class,

Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

**Tuesday** 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board **Wednesday** 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion

**Sunday** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; New Member Sunday;* 8:00 Holy Communion;

9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**E.A.T. Night Update** – Thank You to all who supported the April E.A.T. Night at Culver's. It was a great turn out and fun was had by all. St. John's earned \$500 from the event. From August 2021-April 2022, \$4,000 was raised from these nights of food and fellowship. This money will be used by PTF for teacher and classroom needs. E.A.T. Nights will return in August. Have a great summer.

**Sunday School** – We are looking for volunteers to teach in the summer. Please consider signing up for a few Sundays. This would also be a great opportunity for your college students who are home for the summer. Materials are provided. There will be a sheet to leave your name and contact information so that Cindy can contact you with more information as the time gets closer. That sheet will be posted by the Fellowship Hall.

**Mary Martha** will meet at 1:30p.m. on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in the church overflow. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us. We will have fellowship, a devotion, dessert and coffee.

**LWML** – For the Gifts of the Heart Ingathering at the LWML CID Convention April 29-30; The Missouri Illinois Branch of Orphan Grain Train are in need of the following items for their next shipment to the Ukrainian people. Hygiene Kits, diapers, medical items, dry foods, and powdered formula. This is the Orphan Grain Train truck that will be at our LWML District Convention April 30th between 7:30 and 8:30 am. There is a box in our coatroom for items.

**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ** – 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: Faith & Perseverance in the Early Soviet Union; The Table of Duties from "Luther's Small Catechism;" Christ's State of Humiliation & Exaltation; Lutheran Preaching and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall Sunday School – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

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

**VBS News** – We are in need of group leaders for VBS this summer. In this position, they lead the children from one site to the next. Also, we are in need of two preschool teachers. We will be having a VBS planning meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finalizing plans and seeing what still needs to be ordered. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Sara.

VBS – Volunteers make our VBS a success. Youth (completed 6th grade - 12th grade) and adult volunteers are needed. If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule needs or interests. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Fellowship Hall. Email vbs - at - stjohnls.com if you have any questions. Also, if you do not feel comfortable volunteering in person while VBS is going on, but would still like to help, keep on the lookout for ways you can donate items or supplies that we may need.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – Before you start your spring planting, get your \$20 gift card from St. John PTF. Gifts cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens, do not expire, and will carry a balance if you spend less than \$20. PTF gets 20% from each card sold. 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.

**Enrollment for 2022-2023** – 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 fall has begun. For more information, 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:

#### The Table of Duties

To Parents – Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4)

To Children – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Eph. 6:1–3)

Bible Passage: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

Hymn 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (sts. 3-4) Psalm 67

Bible Readings for the Week:

Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberius – John 21:1-14

Jesus Restores Peter – John 21:15-25

St. Mark Records the Ascension – Mark 16:9-20

The Ascension of Our Lord – Acts 1:1-14