



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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**stand as you are able*

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Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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 - Organist: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - John, Kendall, Larry & Dave; 10:45 - Kurt, Dan, Matt & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Nicholas; 10:45 - Hannah. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Mark & Colleen.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Elton and family in remembrance of Lea's birthday on April 25. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Jan; *for healing and recovery:* Dan -father of Beth, Judy, Leona, Cindy -daughter in law of Bob & Joan, Michael -son of Karen, Bob, 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 Arp, Cathy Ratts-sister of Millie Heath, Merv Strom, John Manning, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Anna -mother of Bill, Marlene -sister in law of Joan; *for successful treatments:* Philip -son of Starley, Johnny -son in law of Letty, Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mavis. Esther. Floyd, Betty.

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

Voter's Meeting today at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

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		

A Big Thank You to everyone for helping with many preparations for the garage sale, donating, working at the sale and cleaning up afterwards. We are blessed to have raised \$2,800 for our youth group programs, servant events, conferences and 2019 national youth gathering. We couldn't have done this without your support.

E.A.T. @ Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy - The May E.A.T. night will be at Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy on Monday, May 14th, all day. Buffalo Wild Wings is giving back 15% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer to make sure that 15% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Don't forget to pick up a gift card from Ram Rebate.

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.

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. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to help in any way.

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.

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 (not just plants and flowers). The cards do not expire and will carry a balance if you spend less than \$10. 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.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Confirmation Questioning, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting
Monday	9:00 MOPS
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:30 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	12:30 Widow's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Friday	5:30 Faith & Family Night
Sunday	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Handbells); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 2:00 Confirmation Service

Widow's Group will meet this Thursday at 12:30pm at Arby's on Springfield Avenue.

St John 6th-12th Graders - Please join us at Old Orchard Lanes Savoy today from 1-3pm for our youth group bowling. Meet at Old Orchard. Games/shoe rental are included just bring money for concessions if you'd like. Please sign up outside church office.

Quilt Tying - Anyone interested in tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief or community outreach please join us Wednesday, May 2nd and May 9th from 5:30-7:00pm. Come and go as your schedule allows. All help is appreciated. No sewing skills needed just knot tying. LWML thanks you for your time to give someone a warm quilt. Questions contact Letty or Linda.

Faith & Family Night - Please join us for our year-end Faith & Family Night on Friday, May 4th, at 5:30pm. We'll have a light supper together, followed by a devotion led by Pastor. Weather permitting; we'll then head out to the playground. Kids are invited to bring their bikes to ride around the parking lot. This is also your chance to meet an LCMS comfort dog, who will be our special guest for the evening. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. All are invited.

Mary-Martha invites members of the congregation to attend coffee/rolls on Thursday, May 10th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool - April 30th – May 6th:
Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring food offering for St. John Food Pantry (jelly, canned spaghetti sauce, straight spaghetti noodles, soups); Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a; Saturday – CID Track Meet, 9:30a

VBS Planning Meeting - We will be having a planning meeting on Saturday, May 19th at 9 am. 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 adult and youth volunteers in the preschool rooms and to lead the children to the different sites. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Faith.

Coming Up Next Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool: Ram Rebate Orders due on Monday, Reading Buddies on Tuesday, Little Lamb Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, Littler Lambs, Ram Rebate Pickup and Field Day for 2nd-4th grade on Friday

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 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* (st. 1)

Psalm 23

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Angel of the Lord Appears to Gideon – Judges 6:1, 6, 11-27