



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, John, Kendall & Robert; 10:45 – Dan, Kurt, Matt & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Anna & Jacob; 10:45 – Hannah. **Greeters:** 10:45 – Lynn.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Linda in memory of husband Fred. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Norm, Jan, Michael -son of Karen; *for healing and recovery:* Dan -father of Beth, Judy, Bob, Lucille, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan - brother of Bonnie; Bruce, 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 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:* Mary, LaVonne, Bob & Alice.

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		

Confirmation will be this afternoon at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Our Confirmation Class of 2018 includes Alexa, Jacob, Noah, Alexandra, Olivia and Emma. God's Blessings to our Confirmands!

Ascension Service – We will have a special Ascension Service on Thursday, May 10th at 7:15 pm. There will be no service on Wednesday, May 9th.

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>6th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 2:00 Confirmation Service
Monday	9:00 MOPS
Tuesday	6:00 Elders, Finance Board
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells
Thursday	<i>Ascension</i> ; 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 9:00 Mary Martha Coffee; 10:00 Evangelism; 6:00 Men's Choir; 7:15 Holy Communion (Men's Choir)
Sunday	<i>7th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Quilt Tying – Anyone interested in tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief or community outreach please join us Wednesday, 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 n or Linda.

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.

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.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, May 15th, at 1:00pm.

St. John Lutheran School Spring Concert – The concert will be on Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 pm. Performances include 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grade Recorders, 4th-5th grade Band, 4th-8th grade Choir and Middle School Band. Invite your family and friends to come and hear how musically talented our St. John students are.

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.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – May 7-14: Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, 1p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering Living Alternatives; Thursday – Little Lamb Mother's Day Tea, 10:30a; Friday – Littler Lambs Playgroup, 8:10a, Ram Rebate Pickup, Field Day for 2nd – 4th grade, 11a-2p; Saturday – Last Chance Track Meet (State Qualifiers only), 9a; Sunday – Mother's Day

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 Workers of All Kinds – Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

Bible Passage: And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

Hymn 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* (st. 2)

Psalm 22:25-31

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