



**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:** Nicholas Liese. **Elders:** 8:00 - Bob, Dave, Kurt & Steve; 10:45 - Matt, John, Larry & Kurt. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Judah, Olivia & Joel; 10:45 - Noah. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Byron & Lydia.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - The altar flowers are given by Jay and Joy Lou in celebration of the marriage of daughter Hannah to Jake yesterday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Bob, Chris, Norm, Jan, Michael -son of Karen, Judy, Cindy -daughter in law of Bob & Joan, 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 successful treatments:* Dan -father of Beth, 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, Betty, Geneice.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 4A	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 2B
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Room 1C	High School	Youth Room
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4B		

**Summer Sunday School** - Our summer schedule begins next Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to teach K-3 & 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. All the material is provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board. Please consider choosing a date or two. Thank you for your help.

**Vacation Bible School 2018 - June 18-22, 9-11:30am** - Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what is around the bend, but God does. At *Splash Canyon* kids discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side. God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever. Registration is open for children 3 years old to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. Plus, you'll learn in Jesus, the victory is won. Can't wait to see you there. Register online, see link on front of church web page.

**VBS Volunteers** - Be a part of *Splash Canton* VBS - Youth (completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 and interests. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Fellowship Hall.

**Heartfelt Thanks** - I want to thank all of my friends at St. John for all your love and kindness, and especially for the prayers, the cards, the hospital visits, the meals brought to our home, everything is so very much appreciated. Jan

**Fire Alarm Project** - The components needed for final approval are awaiting installation before we can obtain the final approval by the city in the near future. The final cost of this will be approximately \$88K, and the congregation has donated nearly \$36K towards this project. The Trustees would like to thank those who have donated time and/or finances so far.

**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.

**Ministry to the Armed Forces** - Help support the recruiting, training and endorsing of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Help enable the ministry-by-mail program to continue as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including *Portals of Prayer*) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Checks are made out to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. For more information please see the fliers on the narthex table.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Holy Trinity</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Memorial Day; Church and School closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:30 K/1 Torch Passing
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Last Day of School</i> ; 8:10 Chapel; 6:30 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Music Notes** - Final handbell rehearsal of the season will be Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Book Club** - Come join us for an enlightening read of 'Has American Christianity Failed' by Bryan Wolfmueller. Let Cassandra or Jenny know if you are interested in participating by June 4<sup>th</sup> and the office can get books ordered. We will start on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6pm in the Teacher's Lounge.

**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.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool** - May 28-June 3: Monday – No School, Memorial Day; Tuesday – Last Day of School for Little Lamb 2 Day class, Bike Hike for Middle School, 10:00a-2:15p, K-1 Passing on the Torch, 6:30p; Wednesday – Last Day of school for LL 3 Day and 5 Day classes (no PM class), Six Flags Field Trip for Middle School, 6:45a-8:30p, Little Lamb Promotion, 10:30, Prairie Farms Field Trip for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 10:45a-2p, UI Campus Field Trip for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 10:30a-2:30p; Thursday – No School – Records Day; Friday – Last Day of school for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade (10:30 dismissal), Chapel and End of the Year Award Ceremony, 8:10a - bring an offering for Living Alternatives, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 6:30

**Continuing Education For The Confessional Lutheran** - 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: The Movie "Solo: A Star Wars Story," The Visitation, Jesus Welcomes Little Children, The Marriage of Priests, Deaf Ministry and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**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:

Christian Questions with their Answers

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
2. How do you know this?
3. Are you sorry for your sins?
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
5. Do you hope to be saved?
6. In whom then do you trust?
7. Who is Christ?
8. How many Gods are there?
9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
10. Did the Father also die for you?
11. How do you know this?
12. What are the words of institution?
13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
14. What convinces you to believe this?
15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

Answers are found on pgs. 40-43 in Luther's Small Catechism

Bible Passage: In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:2-3

Hymn 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

Psalm 119:65-72

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Death of the Firstborn – Exodus 12:21-30

The Exodus – Exodus 12:31-42

Israel Journeys to the Red Sea – Exodus 13:17-14:9