



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 – John, Larry, Robert & Kendall; 10:45 – Larry, Matt, Terry & Dan. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Peter; 10:45 – Noah.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Barb & Earl in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary and Ron & Carol in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. 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, Suzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Leona, Mary, 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

Summer Sunday School Begins Today – For the summer all students who have completed preschool – 7th grade, and teachers will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am.

K - 3 rd	Room 2C
4 th - 7 th	Room 1C
High School	Youth Room

Summer Sunday School begins today. We are in need of volunteers to teach K-3rd & 4th-7th. 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.

Summer Hours - The Church Office will be open 10am to 2pm during the week. Pastor Caithamer will be available in his office during regular office hours Monday through Thursday for all Pastoral needs. He will not be available to let people in the building before 10 or after 2, so if you will need access to the building during that time, please contact the church office about obtaining a key fob. The School Office summer hours will be 8am to 11am.

Thank You - I want to thank my brothers and sisters in Christ for your many prayers, cards, phone calls, and offerings of help while recovering from shoulder surgery. I want to especially thank Pastor Caithamer for his prayers and visit prior to surgery. It was greatly appreciated by both Joan and myself. Thanks again. Bob.

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 5th 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 at www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign.

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

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.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Summer Office Hours Begin (10am-2pm)</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:30 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	12:30 Widow's Group
Saturday	Gray/Buttram Wedding
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Installation of Officers - Today in both services we will have the installation of new and returning officers of the congregation. A list of their names and contact information can be found on the narthex table. Our congregations thanks everyone for their service current and past. For officers whose terms have concluded we ask that you return your fobs and keys to the church office so we have enough for the upcoming officers. Thank you.

Music Notes - Final handbell rehearsal of the season will be Wednesday, June 6th.

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

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 4th and the office can get books ordered. We will start on June 20th. We will meet at 6pm in the Teacher's Lounge.

Men's Softball - Please come out and cheer for our Men's Softball team. Their next game is Monday, June 4th, at 9:00pm, Dodds Park-Field 6.

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.

Contending for Truth in an Age of Anti-Truth - 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 teachings include: The Vocation of Father, The Book of Job, Religious Truth Claims, Teaching Eternal Truths and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at 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:

Apostles Creed

The First Article – Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

The Third Article – Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Mark 10:14-15

Psalm 100