



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Preaching & 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 - Robert, Dan, Rex & Dave; 10:45 - Larry, Dave, Joe & Jeremy. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Dan & Joanie. 10:45 - Lynn.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - The altar flowers are given today by Elton and family in loving memory of wife and mother Lea, and what would have been Elton & Lea's 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers:  
*hospitalized:* Michael - son of Karen; *for healing and recovery:* Diann, Esther, Pat, Joe, Norm, Jan, Judy, 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:* Ed, Anna -mother of Bill; *for successful treatments:* Todd -husband of Kim, Dan -father of Beth, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Leona, Frank, LaVonne & Mavis.

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** - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School Opening** will be in the Sanctuary for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs.) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

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

**New Member Class/Adult Instruction Class** is starting on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining St. John Lutheran Church or have recently transferred in, if you know of anybody who is interested in joining, or if you would like to refresh your own Lutheran catechesis, then this class is for you. There is no obligation and no risk; just come and enjoy. Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1:00pm to 2:30pm through November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please let pastor know.

**Adult Choirs** resume this week. Please join us in the church balcony as we start another season of music making and fun. Alleluia Ringers (Handbells) on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Men's and Mixed Choir Thursdays at 6:00pm & 6:45pm respectively.

**Lifelight** is back. Join us for Romans: Part 1, a 9-week Bible study. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm, Thursday mornings at 9:00am, or Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Classes start September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. Look for our table in the overflow to sign up. You can also contact Neil, Matt or Eunice with any questions, or to sign-up.

**Cubs vs. Cards Box Tops** - The Annual St. John Lutheran Box Top Baseball Contest is back. Bring in Box Tops to help your favorite baseball team score “runs” in the game. Gather up all those Box Tops you’ve collected and place them in either the Cubs or Cardinals Box Top container in the school office. First Inning Results: Cubs – 38; Cards –54.

**LWML CID Campaign Zone Rally** is Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Lutheran Church in Paris, IL. Registration and Coffee at 9:00am then the opening at 9:30am. The registration fee is \$12.00, which will include lunch. Linda Thiele is attending and will drive and carpool. You may either send in the form yourself or give the form to Linda by 11:00am, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and she will send them in for you. The Ingathering is nonperishable items or cash donations for the “Edgar County Compassionate Food Ministry”. Come share in fun and fellowship with other LWML Societies.

**LERT Training** - Training for disaster response will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is \$35 per person for materials and a donation to Lutheran Church Charities. Registration forms are available by the LERT display at the church's main entrance. Please have your registrations turned into the office by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Board. If you have any questions please contact Cassandra.

**Donation Board** - School has started and with it our teachers have some needs and requests. Items are posted on the donation board outside the fellowship hall. Take a tag and bring the item to the school office. Your generosity is a blessing.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Labor Day; Church and School Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Trustees, Fellowship Board; 6:30 School Board</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>12:30 Widow's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>5:30 Faith &amp; Family Night</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>8:00 Running of the Rams; 4:30 Ladage/Stoll Wedding</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class</i>

**The Church and School** will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, for Labor Day. Church Office hours will be returning to 8:30-4:00 beginning Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Widow's Group** will meet Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm, at Arby's on Springfield Ave.

**Faith & Family Night** - Please join us for our first Faith & Family Night of the season on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm. We will meet in the fellowship hall and have dinner and a brief devotion along with some family fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. There is no cost and families with children of all ages are invited. These evenings are great opportunities to get to know other families, while also helping your children grow in their faith. Please join us.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool** – Sept. 3-9: Monday – Labor Day, No School; Wednesday – Chapel, bring offering for St. John Food Pantry; Wednesday – Jefferson MS XC Invite, 4pm, Saturday – Running of the Rams, 8am

**Are you faster than a Ram?** Join us on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8am for this run/walk 5K followed by a free family fun fair featuring Johnny the Ram, inflatable obstacle course, and Blow It Up balloon animals. Awards will be given to top male and female race finishers in each age category with special awards for participants who beat a Ram. Cost for the event is \$15. Forms will be available outside the school office. All race proceeds benefit St. John Lutheran School.

**Coming Up Next Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool:** Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, E.A.T @ Portillo's, 4-8pm, Monday Sept. 10

**E.A.T. @ Portillo's** - The September E.A.T. night will be at Portillo's on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. Portillo's is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School.

**Keys & Fobs** - All outgoing officers of the congregation please turn in keys and fobs so that we are able to distribute them to the incoming officers. Please contact the church office with any questions.

**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 Ten Commandments**

The Fifth Commandment – You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment – You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Passage: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Hymn 665 *Be Strong in the Lord* (st. 3)

Psalm 119:129-136

Bible Readings for the Week:

David Saves the City of Keilah – 1 Samuel 23:1-13

David Hides in the Wilderness – 1 Samuel 23:14-29

David Spares Saul’s Life – 1 Samuel 23:1-25:1