



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Nick, Dan, Mike; 10:45 – Phil, Harold, Jeremy, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & AJ; 10:45 – Everett & Eli.

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.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Elton in remembrance of Elton and Lea’s anniversary on September 1st. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* the family of Louise Crawford at her death; *following surgery:* Dan; *for healing and recovery:* Kaylianna-great granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Leslie-daughter of Joyce, Rev. Doug Evenson, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Susan, Rod, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Linda, Gilbert.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html> Voter’s

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Labor Day; Church & School Closed</i> ; 5:30 Finance Board
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	6:00 Youth Group
Sunday	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

Youth Group – Join the SJL Youth this Friday, Sept. 8th for a city-wide scavenger hunt to collect items for the church food pantry. Meet at the church at 6pm, ending at 9pm. Contact Karen at with any questions.

Be Hunted – Actually not you, just your pantry goods. This Friday, Sept. 8th from 6-9pm, the youth will be on a hunt around town for items for the food pantry. If you think it would be fun for them to raid your pantry or if even if you have just a few items to spare, contact Karen, and she will make your house a stop on the hunt (C-U and Savoy only, please). Feel free contact Karen

New Member Class – Sunday, September 10th will see the beginning of our next New Member Class. This class is intended for those who would like to know more about Lutheranism and are interested in becoming members of St. John. All of our current members are invited and encouraged to attend this class as a refresher course in the Lutheran faith. It also is a blessing to new members to get to meet and know current members. We will meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 1pm. Please email Pastor Caithamer with any questions and to let him know if you would like to attend.

September E.A.T. Night - Portillo's, Sept. 11, 5-8p – Portillo's is giving back 20% of our purchases, so we have a great chance to raise some money for the school, enjoy delicious food, and enjoy wonderful fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please bring along a Portillo's flyer (available in the narthex or online at stjohlns.com) and show it when you order. This fundraiser only applies to dine-in, carry out, or drive thru purchases. It does not include gift card purchases. If you use the drive thru, please show the flyer at the first window after ordering. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Lifelight is back. Join us for Worship, a 9-week Bible study of how and why we worship the way we do, and (in the words of a former St. John member who took this class) "what a treasure we have in our Divine Service." You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm or Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Classes start September 13th & 14th. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

Music Groups – Handbells will have their first rehearsal next Wednesday, September 13th (not this week as previously announced). Rehearsals take place in the church balcony at 6:00pm. Singing choirs (Mixed & Men's) will also commence next Thursday, September 14th at 6:00pm. Keith hears a lot of strong voices in the congregation each week – bring your voice to the church balcony and have fun and fellowship.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom. Parents – please note the room changes.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Art Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Band Room

Conference Room

Youth Room

Join SJL Youth in the great outdoors for a retreat at Camp CILCA on Sept. 22-23. Sleeping in cabins, hiking, Bible study, a challenge course, and Underground Church are just a few of the highlights planned for the trip. An earlier group will leave the church parking lot on Friday, Sept. 22nd at 4pm. A later group will leave from the Cross Country meet in St. Joseph when it finishes. We will return on Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 8pm. Sign up by Sept. 17th to join us: scan the QR code on the bulletin board poster or go to <https://forms.gle/zWpxx1vPrMgkL3Qq9>.

Updating the College Board – The Evangelism Board at St. John Lutheran Church is in the process updating the display of our current college students. We would like to display a picture of them of with the college they are attending, their major, and their year in school. You can email a picture and the information to Faith. We will be taking pictures and information until today.

Athletic Director Position – We are looking for someone interested in serving as a director of our athletics. We offer Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball, and Track & Field. We have coaches in place and schedules have already started. This is a great way to learn more about our other Lutheran schools in the area and see how Christ works through our student athletes. Any interest or questions can be emailed to stjohnschoolboard - at - stjohnls.com.

Art Teacher for St. John Lutheran School – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an inspiring K-8 Art Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This teacher is responsible for teaching art education and developing in each student an interest in and the ability for creative expression in visual terms, using skills and techniques of artistic expression; to develop aesthetic understandings and appreciations; to discover and develop talents of students in the field of art. Please send all interest and inquiries to Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at cblack - at - stjohnls.com.

After School Care Teacher Needed – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an After School Care Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This teacher is responsible for the engagement and care of children in our After School Care program, Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 5:30 PM. The teacher will provide high standards of care and play opportunities for children, preschool - first grade, in a safe and secure environment. Please send all interest and inquiries to Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at cblack - at - stjohnls.com.

CID LLL Annual Retreat – Our annual Retreat is September 9th at Camp CILCA. "God's Living Word Today-Survey of First Peter" is our topic of study this year by Rev. Timothy Scharr. He is the District President of Southern IL District LCMS. Registration is \$25.00 (which includes lunch) due by September 5th. Flyers with more information can be found on the narthex table.

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 Seventh Commandment – You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Bible Passage: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:10-12

Hymn 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Psalm 25:1-10

Bible Readings for the Week:

Offerings with Restitution – Leviticus 5:17-6:7

The Ministry of the Priests Begins – Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24

The Death of Aaron's Sons, Nadab and Abihu – Leviticus 10:1-7