



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

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**Divine Service I with Holy Communion**

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*\*stand as you are able*

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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 – Nick, Bob, Dan, Andy; 10:45 – Jim, Jim, Harold, Jeremy. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Noah & Peter.

**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 John & Charlene in celebration of Jeremy & Lana 13<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Kathy, Gary, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Roger- father of Stephanie, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick Finke, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lola, Gilbert.

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

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Labor Day; Church &amp; School Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 5:30 Evangelism; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men’s Prayer Breakfast
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**Newsletter –** There will not be a mailed newsletter for September. Pastor will email it to everyone. Please check with the church office to make sure your email address is correct. There will be printed copies available on the narthex table.

**Church Office Hours** – Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Church Office hours will be from 9:00am-3:00pm.

**New Member Class** – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LWML** is again collecting school supplies for the Orphan Grain Train, which it sends around the world where needed. Supplies are donated as items not in sets, as they are put into kits by Orphan Grain Train. Please place your donated school items in the LWML box located in the coat room. A list of items is posted there as well for reference. Thank you for helping here and around the world. Please contact Donna for further information.

**September E.A.T. Night** will be at Portillo's at 2306 N. Prospect Ave. on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8pm. 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.

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

**Sunday School** – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 3C
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Room 5B	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

**Updating the College Board** – The Evangelism Board is in the process of updating the college board with pictures and college information of our students. In addition to the college board we would like to begin praying for our college students on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings. If you would like us to use the picture we have, just send us an update of their college information. If you would like an updated photo or are a new college student, send pictures and information (name, school, year in school, and major) to Faith Block at fblock@stjohlns.com. We would like the information by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**LWML Fall Rally** – All women of St. John Lutheran Church are invited for Bible Study and fellowship with the women of the LWML CID Champaign Zone from surrounding communities. St. John Lutheran Women Missionary League is hosting the LWML Champaign Zone Fall Rally

(morning only) Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is due September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Coffee at 8:30am and Opening Devotion is at 9:00am. A purple bag is on the narthex table by the Mite Box, along with registration forms. Registration is \$7.00. Rev. Rodney Blomquist will speak on the “CID Prison/Jail Ministry” of the Lutheran Church. Ingathering is diaper sizes 5 & 6, and baby wipes for Crisis Nursery. Also, an ingathering of 40watt and 60watt lightbulbs for “What’s Your 80”. Please come join us. Any questions, please contact Linda K.

**Lifelight** is back. Join us for 1 & 2 Peter, a 9-week Bible study on the Apostle Peter’s letters of exhortation and encouragement. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm, Thursday mornings at 9:00am, or Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. Classes start September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

**St. John Arts & Crafts Fair** – Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-2pm for the Fair. If you are a crafter or know someone who is and would like to reserve a booth, application forms are available in the school office, on the school website and on the narthex table. Contact the school office if you have any questions or for more information.

**Witness & Outreach** – Luke 14:25-35: In His teaching, Jesus said that salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? Jesus taught that we, as His followers, are like salt on Earth to season and preserve good things. Witnessing to Jesus is the best way that we can be salt to this world.

**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 691 *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing* (st. 4)

Psalm 103:1-13

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Flood – The Promise of the Rainbow – Genesis 9:1-17

The Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:1-19

The Call of Abram – Genesis 12:1-9