



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Dan, Todd, Mike; 10:45 – Harold, Phil, Kurt, Mark. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Jack; 10:45 – Bryce & 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 Bob and Joan in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for celebration of anniversary:* Rick & Rita; *for healing and recovery:* Bill- father of Faith, Kathy, 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, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Glenda.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain: <http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html> **OUR**

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<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
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight, Mixed & Men's Choirs
Sunday	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

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.

E.A.T. Night Update – Many thanks to all who dined in or carried out from Portillo's this past Monday. It was a great success as the school raised \$350 from St. John diners. Your continued support for these nights of food and fellowship are much appreciated. Please make plans to join us at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, October 10 for another fun night together.

LWML Meeting – The LWML will meet Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. There will be a Bible Study, followed by planning for LWML Sunday October 2, assist with Trunk or Treat, LWML CID/SID Fall Retreat information and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Jan or Linda T.

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 21st and 22nd. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair – Help is needed to make this event a success. Help us spread the word by sharing the event on Facebook and other social media. Hang up posters where you can. The school office can provide everything you need. A sign-up sheet for Bake Sale donations will be posted in October. Contact the school office if you have any questions or for more information.

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

4th-5th

Room 3C

K-1st Room 5B

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School

Youth Room

St. John Classic Car Show – Do you love older cars? Do you have a classic car or know someone who does? We would like to have a car show on Saturday, Oct. 22 with the Arts & Crafts Fair and need help organizing the event. Please contact Kim Schmidt in the school office, (217) 359-1714 or kschmidt — at — stjohnls.com.

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 E for further information.

Trunk or Treat – We will be hosting a Trunk and Treat this year on October 30, 2022 from 2:30 to 4:30. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. You can sign-up to decorate a trunk and hand out treats or to help prepare treat bags before the event. We are also asking for treat donations. Donation slips are located on the bulletin board. Donations can be placed in the tub in the coat room. If you have any questions, email Faith.

Witness & Outreach – Luke 16:1-15: When it comes to using our finances, most times we don't think of it in an evangelism sense. The Lord uses a parable to teach His disciples about being shrewd in the age in which we live. What if the world knew that your finances were dedicated to the sharing of the Gospel? How shrewd would that be? Jesus talks more about money in His parables than any other medium because He knows that money can get between us and Him. Knowing this, the Good News should be applied to our money. We are devoted to God rather than to money. Our priority is to be right with God. We cannot serve two masters. Our "shrewdness" can be best applied to the world as they see us live the Good News in how we apply it to the use of our money. Isn't it wonderful that we can proclaim the Good News and use our money at the same time? Thanks be to God for all the riches He has given to us.

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 Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” [Ex. 20:5–6]

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Bible Passage: There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

Hymn 555 *Salvation unto Us Has Come* (st. 4-7)

Psalm 25:1-10

Bible Readings for the Week:

Circumcision – Sign of the Covenant; Abram’s Name Change –
Genesis 17:1-11

Sarai’s Name is Changed to Sarah– Genesis 17:15-27

The Three Visitors – Genesis 18:1-15