



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Senior Pastor: Mark Elliott

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**stand as you are able*

(8:00) Prelude – “Ring”	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) Prelude – “Canon of Grace”	Alleluia Ringers
Hymn <i>Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way</i>	857
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Preaching: Rev. Mark Elliott

Liturgist: 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. Hearing assistance units are available from ushers.

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 one of our pastors.

SERVING TODAY – Organist & Choir Director: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Jay, Matt & Dave; 10:45 – Dan, Larry & Jim. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Jay & Carol; 10:45 - Bob & Alice.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given to the glory of God. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Edith and family at the death of son Rolf; *hospitalized:* Barbara; *for healing and recovery:* Earl, Wendy, Dorothy Torbeck, Norman, Lingli, Duane, Jeremiah; *for successful treatment:* Anita, Thelma; *for missions:* Pastor David Rakotonirina and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica; *for those in the military:* Heath, Zachary, Taylor, Jimmy, Christopher, Brandon, Keidi, Suzzanna, Robert, Kerry; *for our homebound:* Betty, Gene, Lavina & Harley.

Reformation Sunday – Special plans are underway for our Reformation celebration this year. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28th. We will have **one combined worship service at 10:45am** with all the choirs and instrumentalists participating. Coffee and donuts will be served in the gym wing beginning at 9:00am. **Sunday school and the Adult Bible classes will begin at 9:30am as usual.** Pastor Caithamer’s class however will meet in the gym that morning. Then we will have the combined worship service followed by a traditional German meal in the fellowship hall. Following the luncheon there will be a wonderful concert by Keith playing on our newly renovated organ. He will be joined by many of the fine instrumentalists in our congregation. This is a day you will not want to miss. Please join us.

Voter’s Meeting Sunday, October 21 st , at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class - "Lutheranism 101" led by Pastor Elliott, 4A

Adult Bible Class - "God's Word for Today" led by Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Sunday School - Opening for 3 year olds – Kindergarten will be in Room 1A. Opening for 1st grade – High School will be in the sanctuary.

Parents & 2's – 3A

3-4 yr olds – 4C

Kindergarten – 1A

1st grade – 2A

2nd grade – 2C

3rd-4th grade – 1C

5th-6th grade – 4B

7th-8th grade – 2B

High School – Youth Room

Pastor Elliott's Tuesday Morning Bible Class will meet this Tuesday, October 9th, at 10:30am. The following Tuesday, October 16th, the class will not meet due to the District Pastors' Fall Conference.

Wanted: Reading Buddies - The first grade reading buddy program has expanded to include second graders this year. Mrs. Haase and Mrs. Mihm are looking for several more people to help with this program. We will meet once a month on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm for a half hour. If you are interested please contact the school office, Mrs. Haase, or Mrs. Mihm. We hope to hear from many people. Thanks for supporting the program.

The Fellowship Board will be serving a traditional German meal after the Reformation service on October 28. Our menu will include brats hot from the grill, sauerbraten (marinated roast beef), sauerkraut, green beans, potato salad, spatzle (fresh made pasta), Black Forest cake, fruit tarts, ginger cake, and rye bread. For the children, we will have hot dogs and chips. If you are interested in attending the meal, please sign up on the sheet by the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 14. There will be no charge for the meal, but we do need to know approximately how many will attend. A freewill offering will be taken at the door and a list of needed items will be posted for donation to help cover the expenses.

Cub Scout Pack 113 – It's popcorn time. The primary source of income for the pack is the annual popcorn sale. The tins are back and there are some new varieties to choose from, as well as your old favorites. The Scouts will have some products available on Sunday Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 between services. Support the Pack at St. John and local scouting by enjoying some popcorn. See a Scout for more information.

Ram Rebate orders are due tomorrow to the school office by 3pm or you may place your order on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com until 8pm. Order forms are on the Narthex table. Order dates this month are Oct 8, 22 and 29.

October Market Day orders are due Friday the 12th by 3pm if you use the order form which is on the Narthex table or 11pm if you order on-line at www.marketday.com. Order pick up will be Wednesday, October 17 from 3-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

2012 SHOPPING TRIP to Gurnee Mills – There are still seats left. The bus will depart St. John's parking lot at 7:00am November 10th and return by 10:00pm. Call Susan to make your reservation soon. Submit \$29.50 to the church office no later than October 28th.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, New Member Class; Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 4:00 NYG Meeting
Monday	2:15 Moms in Prayer; 6:00 Finance Board; <i>Ram Rebate orders due</i>
Tuesday	10:30 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:25 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 8:30 Lifelight; 1:30 Mary Martha; 6:00 Brass Rehearsal; 6:30 Lifelight
Friday	<i>Market Day orders due; Ram Rebate pickup</i>
Saturday	8:00 Handymen
Sunday	8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, New Member Class; Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; LYF Groups TBA

The St. John Men's Softball Team is in a fall league that plays Thursday nights. You are invited to come out and cheer them on this Thursday night at 8:00 on Field 3 at Dodd's Softball Complex by Parkland.

Mary Martha's regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, October 11 at 1:30. Kay, a retired Central High teacher, will give a slide presentation of her latest mission trips to Ghana and El Salvador. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to join us.

Mary Martha Bake Sale and Mini Bazaar - Saturday, October 20, nine to noon. Please check out our delicious baked goods and our craft items; also a table of "white elephants". Come and have a homemade cinnamon roll and a cup of coffee with us. This is our only money maker of the year, and we use the proceeds for missions and service both locally and abroad. Donations of baked goods and craft are most appreciated.

Lost & Found – Please check items returned to you from VBS. A variegated green and white table cloth is missing. It is white on the back side and serged on the ends. On the white side of the table cloth the name Linda Thiele is sewn in red. A pearl earring was found in room 4A several weeks ago. If you are missing this item please contact the church office.

Calling all Bakers - Do you have a signature dessert? The Fall Family Fundraiser is in need of homemade desserts for our auction. If you would like to donate a dessert, please bring to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3:30, October 19th. Please remember that you will not be getting your dessert plates back. For more information contact Tracy. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the school and church office doors. Thank you.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser - The 7th grade class is selling Yankee Candles to raise money for the 8th grade class trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. This fundraiser offers a 40% profit. The 7th Grade class will take orders for this fundraiser between church services on Oct. 7 & 14. Pick up a catalog today between church services or view the products online at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. If you have any questions please e-mail Mrs. Amirkhanian at. All orders are due to the school office by Monday, October 15, 2012.

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 - 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.

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 656 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (st. 2)

Psalm 135:1-7, 13-14

Bible Readings for the Week:

David and Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25

Nathan Confronts David with His Sin – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

David's Son Dies and Solomon Is Born – 2 Samuel 12:16-25