



**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 – Kurt, Dan, Jeremy, Dan; 10:45 – Mike, Chris, Bryce, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & AJ; 10:45 – Eli & Jordan.

**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 Mike & Maxine in celebration of their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Melvin-father of Greg; *for healing and recovery:* Leona, Judy, Steve, Rod, Jim-brother of Karla, Kaylianna-great granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Susan, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Jack, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Linda.

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

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

**Voter’s Meeting Today** – There will be a Voter’s Meeting today at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

- Today**      *21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting
- Tuesday**    10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
- Wednesday** 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
- Thursday**   10:00 Lighthouse; 6:00 Adult Choir Practice
- Friday**      6:00 Youth Group Lock-In
- Sunday**      *22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 2:30 Trunk or Treat

**New Member Class** will not meet the next two Sundays (10/22 & 10/29). We will resume class on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The Bylaws Committee Meeting** on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next meeting has been set for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Youth Lock-In** – On Friday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm through Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> @7am, SJL Youth will be hosting a Lock-In with a CYM team from Concordia University. College students will be leading games and activities for a full night of fun. To sign up, go to: <https://forms.gle/kXvWwBca2bhcNhop9>.

**Mark the Date** for October 29<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00am service. St. John members are welcomed to join in showing their appreciation to Pastor Caithamer and his family by visiting with them during the fellowship hour along with a tasty brunch. Come and enjoy this fellowship.

**Trunk or Treat** – Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm. Sign-up sheets and donation slips are located on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy. We also need members to donate candy or treats. Donations can be placed in the coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Block at fblock - at - stjohlns.com.

**Youth Events** – On Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, join the excitement of the Trunk or Treat in the St. John parking lot. We will help pass out treat bags and help make this community service event run smoothly. If you have any questions, contact Karen.

**Show Me Dough** – Order forms are available on the narthex table. Return order forms to the school office by Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Dough-livery date is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the middle school class trip taken in next school year.

**Hymn Festival** – We will be singing hymns for All Saints Day on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Join us as we celebrate some of the great hymns of our faith. Instruments, Organ, Handbells, Brass and you.

## **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.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Band Room

K-1<sup>st</sup> Art Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Conference Room

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 4B

High School

Youth Room

**Thank You** – Thank you for all of the love and support you have given me at the loss of my dear husband Jim. Losing him was a total shock. You have made a most difficult time, in my life, a bit easier to endure. Thank you also to the ladies who prepared the meal.  
Sincerely, Jackie

**October E.A.T. Night @ Texas Roadhouse** – Thanks to all who went to Texas Roadhouse last week. There was such a large turnout, we earned 18% on the sales for a total of \$470. Save the Date for the next E.A.T. Night on November 13<sup>th</sup> at Monical's.

**Turkey Bowl Fundraiser** – PTF will be hosting the Turkey Bowl to benefit St. John Lutheran School. The event will be held at Western Bowl, on Saturday, November 18. Two times are available, 12-3p and 3-6p. In addition to an afternoon of bowling, there will be games, prizes, silent auction items and an RTIC cooler stuffed with goodies as a raffle item. To register your 5-person team, see the link below.: We hope you can join us for this fun event. <https://bit.ly/Turkeybowl23>

**Boys Basketball** – St. John is looking for assistant coaches for basketball. If you are interested in learning more about these coaching opportunities or would like to apply, please contact the school office (kschmidt - at - stjohlns.com, 217-359-1714). Thank you for your consideration.

**Witness & Outreach** – Matthew 22:15-22: As we worship today, we are reminded that we have very little trouble rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but we have some real trouble rendering unto God the things that are God's. God doesn't have the IRS working for Him to garnish our wages or throw us into jail for non-compliance. Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we hope to be for the rest of eternity is first and foremost a gift from God. The Lord never requires anything from us that He does not first give. We belong to Him. We live and move and have our very being in Him. We bear His image. Does the world around YOU have a clue that God alone is worthy of all your praise and that you will render until HIM first before the world? Far too many times, we blend in with the ways of the world and our rendering looks just like the world's rendering, rather than ones who belong to God and those who bear His seal. Reach out to the world simply by being who you are first and foremost.

**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 Creed

The Third Article – I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20

Hymn 656 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (st. 3)

Psalm 104:1-12

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21:4–9

Balaam’s Donkey – Numbers 22:1, 4b–5, 12–38; (survey 23–24);  
24:10-13, 25

Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses’ Place – Numbers 27:12–23