



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 & Music Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt Baumgartner, Dan Wheatman, Jeremy Tengwall, Dan Martin; 10:45 – Phil Martin, Chris Matthews, Mike Craft, Chuck Martin. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett Carlson & AJ Demos; 10:45 – Eli Beadle & Keegan Ladage.

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 Donna Wilm in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the birth of their fourth grandchild on September 10th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Judy; *for healing and recovery:* John, 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:* John, Brian; *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>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>24th 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	All Day E.A.T. Night @ Monical's
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	5:30 Instrument Rehearsal; 6:30 Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 Bible Bowl; 12:00 Turkey Bowl @ Western Bowl
Sunday	<i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class; 4:00 Hymn Festival

November E.A.T. Night @ Monical's, Tomorrow, All Day – Enjoy lunch, dinner or both at Monical's on Mattis Ave. Bring in the flyer or show an electronic copy to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Get a Monical's Gift Card from Ram Rebate from the school office. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohnls.com. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Show Me Dough – Thank you to everyone who ordered this year. We had over \$7000 in sales, with a profit of almost \$3000. Dough-livery date is Friday, November 17th. If you ordered items, the school office will contact you regarding the pick-up time. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the middle school class trip.

Turkey Bowl Fundraiser – Join us for the PTF Turkey Bowl on Saturday, November 18th at Western Bowl. Gather your 5-person team to bowl from either 12-3p or 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 (value over \$1000). To register your team, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/Turkeybowl23-student>. To enter the raffle, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/TurkeybowlRaffle23>

Card Shower – There will be a card shower on Sunday, November 19th in appreciation of our music director, Keith Williams. A basket will be in the narthex that morning for cards.

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

LWML will meet on November 21st at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the Cookie Walk.

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

4th-5th

Band Room

K-1st Art Room

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

High School Youth Room

Thanksgiving – Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:15pm. The Church and School will be closed November 23-25th in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends giving thanks to God for His many blessings.

Family Advent Night – All St. John Families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 1st, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have a pizza dinner, crafts for kids, devotions, singing of Christmas carols and cookie decorating. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Church Decorating – Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd, at 9:00am to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary/Narthex to start the morning, and welcome all volunteers. Thank you.

Advent By Candlelight – Join us for an evening of fellowship, praise, and song. This event will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sadorus on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 at 5:00pm. An evening meal will be provided. There is limited seating so reservations must be made by November 27th and no late reservations will be allowed. For reservations call Sandy

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 25:1-13: Are you prepared? You might respond, “It depends on what I’m preparing for.” Since God promises to dwell among us to make His home among us in His new heaven and new earth, isn’t all of life a preparation for our homecoming? Unfortunately, we find ourselves preparing for everything but that, thinking

that we will prepare for “that” when “that time” comes. God’s Word tells us that the time to prepare is always “NOW.” We are to encourage one another all the more as the Day approaches even nearer. We have a WORD to share with the world that literally unpacks our bags and wants us to stay a while rather than helps us prepare for the blessings of our homecoming. The world makes us “unprepared” by draining us of the oil we need to be prepared by taking from us the one thing needful: Jesus Christ. Boldly share Christ with the world, for when they have Him and Him alone, they are prepared for the Day when He returns for His bride, His Church.

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 Lord’s Prayer

The Second Petition - Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come? God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Bible Passage: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

Hymn 678 *We Sing for All the Unsung Saints* (st. 2)

Psalm 72:1-14

Bible Readings for the Week:

Gabriel Appears to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-25

The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38