



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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, Kurt, John., Dan; 10:45 – Jeremy, Matt, Phil, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Ethan; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah.

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 & Jill in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* The family of Laura Jordan at her death; *for healing and recovery:* David- grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley- great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Alex, 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 our college students:* Brian, Charlie, Billy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lola, Betty.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>23rd 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 at Monical's; 6:30 LWML
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:30 Lifelight; 6:00 Mixed & Men's Choirs
Friday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Saturday	12:00 Turkey Bowl
Sunday	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

Office Email – The church office email address is churchoffice - at - stjoh-lcms.church.

Next Sunday – Men's Choir will sing next Sunday at the 10:45 service. Instrumentalists will be playing again next Sunday. Please contact Keith if you would like to join us.

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. 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-livery – Orders will be dough-livered on Tuesday at approximately 2:00pm. If you placed an order, please make arrangements to pick up your order.

Save the Date- St. John Lutheran School PTF is hosting a new fundraiser this year. Save the date for Saturday, November 19 for a fun afternoon of bowling at Western Bowl in Champaign. The Turkey Bowl (named for its proximity to Thanksgiving) is open to bowlers of all ages. Participants will compete in two games of bowling, which includes shoes, pizza, and drinks. Not interested in bowling but would like to attend? A spectator ticket is available for \$10 and includes food. Team registration is \$65 and can be completed online at <https://forms.gle/6wRJHTYu2vM2U1G28>. All money raised will be used to update the school's technology fund. Questions? Email Donica B.

Church Decorating – Please join us on Saturday, November 26th, at 9:00am to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We welcome any and all volunteers. We will be short of regular helpers because of the Thanksgiving weekend so please help if you can, as many hands make things go much quicker.

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

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

Advent Dinner – Fellowship Board will be hosting a dinner between services on November 30th during the Advent season. Please come join us for lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

Family Advent Night – All St. John Families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 2nd, 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.

New Member Recognition – Fellowship Board will be recognizing and welcoming our new members and those who transferred into our church. This is also for those who became new members during the COVID lockdown. Please come and join us for fellowship and cake Sunday December 4th in between services.

Advent By Candlelight – This event will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sadorus on Thursday, December 1 at 6:00pm. Reservations must be made by November 28th at (217) 840-4895. For carpooling arrangements, please call Jan B.

Trunk or Treat Wrap-Up – The Evangelism Board would like to thank the congregation for their generosity and your willingness to volunteer. As a result of the many candy/treat donations, we had a successful event on Sunday, October 30. We had 15 trunks decorated manned by 26 volunteers. We had at least 428 visitors (adults and children) come to our event. Thank you so much!

Witness and Outreach – Luke 20:27-40: With all the things that the Lord predicted in the “last days” in our Gospel text, it’s hard not to be downcast with chins to our chests. But our Lord tells us to “straighten up”: in other words, look up and be confident, because things are looking up despite the earthquakes, pestilence, false teachers and all other things that could keep us down. Redemption is drawing near and is present with us always in the living Word, Jesus Christ, and the salvation found in His life, death and resurrection. We are encouraged to speak up as we look up because we have the Good News to share.

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.

Your 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 677 *For All the Saints* (v. 4-8)

Psalm 72:1-17

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father – Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29

Joseph's Dream- His Brothers Sell Him into Slavery – Genesis 37:1-36

Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt – Genesis 39:1-23

Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison – Genesis 40:1-23