



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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(10:45)– <i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	piano & organ

**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.

**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.

**SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Larry, Kendall, Stephen & Rex; 10:45 – Dan, Jeremy, Joe & Larry. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Dan & Joanie; 10:45 – Katie. Violin: Lois; French: Kai; Clarinet & Piano: Randy; Soprano: Lisa.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Mike & Jill in celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for thanksgiving:* Don & Delores for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 16<sup>th</sup>; *following surgery:* Herb; *for healing and recovery:* Eunice, Vicky, Joyce, Beth -daughter in law of Lois, Andy, Michael -son of Karen, Joe, Jan, Judy, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, Todd - grandson of Harold, Tom; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Joe -father of Pastor Caithamer; *for successful treatments:* Phyllis, Roxy, Todd -husband of Kim, Dan -father of Beth, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Taylor, Andy, Brandon Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson,; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Mary, Bob & Alice.

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

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

Budget Voter's Meeting, Sunday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm
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## **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – Fellowship Hall - Pastor Caithamer

**Sunday School Opening** will be in the Sanctuary for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

3/4yrs	Room 4C	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4B
Kindergarten	Room 1A	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 3B
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	School Library		

**St. John Webstore** – The webstore is now open and ready for ordering. There are many new designs and styles (personalization and text options are available on many items). Orders are processed as they are received and are ready in 10-15 days. The school office will contact you when items are ready for pickup. Visit <https://stjohnstore.martinonesource.com> to select your items.

**Mary Martha** is going to put together a St John Lutheran Church cookbook. We haven't done one for many years. We would appreciate our member's input. If you would submit 2-3 of your family's favorite recipes, it will help make it a success. Typed if possible or legible hand writing. Please list your name and phone number so we may contact you if we have questions. Please submit your recipes to the church office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SaveAround Coupon Book** – The Youth Group are selling SaveAround Champaign/Urbana books for \$25.00. There are many great deals inside the book: BOGO and \$ off offers from many restaurants, retailers, and attractions & mobile savings with a downloadable app. To see the complete list of savings and preview the books of other cities, visit [www.savearound.com](http://www.savearound.com). Books are available in both the church and school offices to purchase or preview.

**County Market Max Dollars for Education** – You can help our school earn Max Dollars by using your Max Card each time you shop at County Market until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are available on the narthex table and by the school office.

**Beef House Rolls** – Thank you to everyone who orders rolls, jam or butter and supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. If you missed the order, there are extra rolls and one extra jar of Apple Butter available. Contact the school office to purchase.

**Art Supply Request** – The Art classes need styrofoam egg cartons, preferably green but any color will be accepted. Bring any cartons to Art class or to the school office. The cartons will be used for a Christmas project.

**Affy Tapple Pretzel Rods** – St. John Athletics are selling Affy Tapple Chocolate and Caramel Dipped pretzel rods. Pretzels are available at every home game and in the school office. Stop in for a delicious treat.

**Prairie Gardens Gift Cards** – Gift cards are available for your holiday planting, crafts or decorating. Cards maybe used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens. Buy yours now in the school office.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class; 2:00 Rake 'n Run
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 LWML; <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Day School Closed</i> ; 6:00 Men's Choir; 7:15 Thanksgiving Eve Service (Men's Choir)
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Thanksgiving Day; Church &amp; School Closed</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Church &amp; School Closed</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir)

**Rake 'n Run Today (Weather Permitting)** – If you would still like to help this year please see the sign-up sheet on the Youth bulletin board or speak with Kim Schmidt.

**Family Advent Night** – All St. John families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have crafts for kids, devotions, and singing of Christmas carols. A kid-friendly dinner will also be provided. Activities are geared for preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but older and younger kids are welcome, too. A sign-up sheet is available near the fellowship hall, which will help with our planning. We'll start at 5:30pm and hope to see many of you there.

**Decorating the Sanctuary** – Please plan to join us on Saturday morning, December 1<sup>st</sup>, to help decorate our Church for Christmas. There are a variety of ways we could use your help. We'll get started at 9:00am, but we would welcome help at any time throughout the morning.

**In His Hands Orphan Outreach Event** – December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30pm in the Gym, you are invited to a family friendly event to raise funds for In His Hands Orphan Outreach supporting local and international at risk children. There will be entertainment, music, dancing, silent auctions, food, beverages, and loads of Christmas fun. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Desserts will be available for sale. Dress in holiday wear, casual or formal (even that ugly Christmas sweater). Tickets \$10 per person or \$50 for family of 5 or more. Children under 3 free. Can be purchased by sending payment via Paypal at <https://www.paypal.me/Christmas4ACause> using "send to family and friends" option. For more information please call or text Chris or visit [inhishandsorphansoutreach.org](http://inhishandsorphansoutreach.org).

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:45am in the sanctuary. We hope you will all be able to participate in the joyous celebration and proclamation of Christ come to Earth with us this Christmas.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School & Little Lamb Preschool – Nov. 19-28:** Tuesday – Chapel, bring offering for CID Campus Ministries, Wednesday-Friday – No School-Thanksgiving Break.

**Declaring to You the Whole Counsel of God** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Movie "The Nutcracker," The Book of Joel, Hallowed By Thy Name, Responding to Calvinist Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**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 677 *For All the Saints*

Psalm 126

Bible Readings for the Week:

Gabriel Appears to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-25

The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38

Christ's Birth is Foretold to Joseph – Matthew 1:18-25

The Visitation – Luke 1:39-56