



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 –John, Dan, Andy, Nick; 10:45 – Jeremy, Harold, Mark, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Everett; 10:45 – Eli & Jordan. **Instrumentalists:** Terry, Kyle & Kelsey, Sara, Randy, Eli, Josh and Maggie, Eli

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 Lynne in honor of her 70th birthday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* John & Cheryl at the death of Cheryl’s mother Jeri, the family and friends of former member David at his death, the family and friends of Thelma at her death; for Nick & Alayna at the birth of their daughter Liesl Mae, and for restoration after a house fire; *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:* Joshua, Ben, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Alice.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class</i>
Tuesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	<i>No School; 7:15 Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Communion</i>
Thursday	<i>Thanksgiving; Church & School Closed</i>
Friday	<i>Church & School Closed</i>
Saturday	9:00 Church Decorating
Sunday	<i>1st Sunday in Advent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion</i>

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

Thanksgiving – Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23rd 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.

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.

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.

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

4th-5th

Room 3C

K-1st Room 5B

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School Youth Room

Monical's E.A.T. Night – Thank you to all who supported the November E.A.T. Night at Monical's. It was another great event with people enjoying wonderful meals (some even twice in one day) with wonderful friends. Save the Date – Monday, December 12, ALL DAY at El Rancho Grande in Savoy (behind Aldi).

Sunday School Christmas Program -The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday School on December 4th and 11th. They will also be practicing the songs during the openings leading up to the program. We look forward to their message.

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.

Young Adults – There has been interest expressed in having a young adults group at church as a way to enjoy fellowship with others of similar age. If this comes into fruition, it would begin at the first of the year. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 who would be interested please contact Sara.

Witness and Outreach – Luke 23:27-43: The end of another church year reminds us to be watchful and prepared for our Lord's second coming to judge the living and the dead. It will be a Day of rejoicing for believers but a Day of doom for unbelievers. May we use every opportunity we are given to share our saving faith with others who are still in unbelief, so that they may also share in the Paradise that only Christ the true King gives with His life, death and resurrection. He continues to be ridiculed because He is a King who saves through a Cross. But only this King will give Paradise on the Last Day, just as He promises. Now, that's a King worth putting your trust in for eternity.

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 Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

Hymn 677 *For All the Saints*

Psalm 146