



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
 Reverend Jeff Caithamer

School Principal: Tim Gabbert

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
Prelude – “ <i>Wachet auf</i> ”	Bach
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(sts. 2 men, 4 women)	
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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.

**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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Robert, Larry, John & Kendall; 10:45 – Terry, Dan, Kurt & Dan. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Mark & Colleen.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by John & Charlene in honor of the Baptism of their granddaughters Ryan & Emma, and grandson Conrad. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for thanksgiving:* Jim & Mimi for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 26<sup>th</sup>; *for healing and recovery:* Herb, 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, 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, Mitchel, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Betty, Walt, Lavina & Floyd.

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		

**A Service of Hope and Comfort** – The holiday season is now upon us. Songs of joy fill the air. Decorations have popped up everywhere. But, what if you are not too excited for the season? You know what Christmas is all about: the birth of Jesus into this world to be our Savior from sin. Yet, the death of a dear loved one, the loss of a steady job, or the dissolution of your marriage have dampened your holiday spirit. If that is so, then join us for a service of hope and comfort on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm here at church. Hear again the good news that Christ Jesus is with you, even and especially in the midst of your recent loss.

**Advent Dinners** will be hosted by the Youth this year and will begin Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available soon on the Youth bulletin board outside the church office. Dinners will include tacos, chili, and a potluck style meal.

**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 putting together a St. John Lutheran Church cookbook and has extended the date for recipes to January 1<sup>st</sup>. We would appreciate our member's input. If you would submit some 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.

**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.

**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. Pretzels are \$1.50 each or 4/\$5.00. Stop in for a delicious treat.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	9:15 MOPS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 PTF; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 Family Advent Night
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 Sanctuary Decorating
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Budget Voter's Meeting

**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, 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 visit [inhishandsorphansoutreach.org](http://inhishandsorphansoutreach.org) or call/ text Chris Cender.

**Christmas Caroling** – Please join us as we shine Jesus' light to our homebound members through Christmas caroling Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 4pm. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Questions, call/text (630)672-5001. Thank you.

**Mary Martha Society** invites members of the congregation to our Christmas luncheon 12:30pm on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to share. Our Lutheran School children will be singing. We hope you will attend.

**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 and Little Lamb Preschool** – Nov. 26 – Dec. 2: Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due, 3p; Tuesday – BBB HOME vs. St. Mary's, Bloomington; Wednesday – Chapel, bring offering for CID Campus Ministries, Picture Retakes, 9a, PTF meeting 3:30p; Thursday – BBB @ St. Thomas, Philo; Friday – Ram Rebate Order pickup

**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.

*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.

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