



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: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Chris, Dan, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Mike, Harold, Mike, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Ethan; 10:45 – Eli & 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 Brad & Sarah in celebration of Thanksgiving. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Judy, 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:* Jack, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Lavina.

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;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	5:30 Advent Family Night
Saturday	8:00 LWML Cookie Walk; 9:00 Church Decorating
Sunday	<i>1st Sunday in Advent;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, November 29th this upcoming week. Thank you.

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.

LWML Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, December 2nd at 8:00am and in between Services on Sunday, December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas cookies donated by members of St. John will be sold to assist LWML with their mission projects. Questions contact Linda T.

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 we welcome all volunteers. Thank you.

Bylaws Committee Meeting has been postponed until Monday, December 4th. We plan to review draft changes at this meeting. Thank you.

Youth please join us for two Christmas activities. On Friday, Dec. 1st we have the opportunity to help with the Family Advent night, supervising fun activities and modeling enthusiasm for hymn singing and pizza eating. On Friday, Dec. 8th, we will have our Christmas Party from 6-9pm at the church. Even if you have never come to youth group, join us. Bring a friend. All kids 6th-12th grade are welcome.

The Young Adults Group will be having a Christmas party on December 14th at the Leaf Residence. There will be food, devotion, and a gift exchange. All who are between the ages of 18-40 are welcome. Start time and gift exchange details will be coming soon. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Sara.

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

K-1st Art Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Band Room

Conference Room

Youth Room

Sunday School Christmas Program – The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 17th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday School on December 3rd and 10th. They will also be practicing the songs during the openings leading up to the program. We look forward to their message.

St. John Student Collection Section – Students will be showcasing their "collections" throughout the school year in the display case in the gym lobby. If you haven't already checked out the Giant Painted Leaf Collection from Valerie, 3rd grade, please do so this week. She is very talented and creative.

Midweek School – We hold a Midweek School on Wednesday evenings for Kindergarten through 5th grade. An opening is held in the sanctuary at 5:45p.m and then the children are dismissed to their class. Each week a Bible lesson is taught. The program concludes at 7:00pm. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

PE Teacher for St. John Lutheran School – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a qualified teacher with a strong Christian commitment to teach and guide students (kindergarten - grade 5) through the position of Physical Education Teacher on a part-time basis. The PE Teacher will create a Christ-centered classroom environment that fosters, promotes, and develops an understanding of the relationship between a healthy body and exercise. The PE Teacher will motivate each student to cultivate physical fitness, developing strength, skill, agility, poise, and coordination in individual, dual and team physical activities/sports, in accordance with each student's ability. Please send all interest and inquiries to Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at black - at - stjohnls.com

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 25:31-46: The parable of the sheep and the goats does not put an emphasis on works, but instead, it puts them in their proper perspective. Here is the greatest perk for serving the Lord. With every task and every deed and with every person, we have the opportunity to meet Christ in that person and through that deed. So, how do we wait for Judgment Day? With certainty in His pronouncement of our sins forgiven, with certainty of receiving inheritance that our compassionate Judge has prepared for eternity, and with certainty that every day, every task, every vocation has significance to God and to us, because unbelieving souls are saved through the power of the Holy Spirit and believing souls meet Christ as they wait.

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 Fourth Petition – Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

Hymn 678 *We Sing for All the Unsung Saints* (st. 3)

Psalm 146

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Nativity of Our Lord – Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Christ Is Announced to Shepherds – Luke 2:8-14

The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem – Luke 2:15-20