



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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 – Organist & Choir Director: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Dave, Kendall, Rex & John; 10:45 - Jeremy, Dan, Dave & Dan. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Andy & Cindy; 10:45 - Lynn.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Jan and family in loving memory of mother, grandmother, great grandmother Nellie. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Ken & Karen and family at the death of Ken's son; *following surgery:* Michael -son of Karen; *for healing and recovery:* Mavis, Herb, Eunice, Vicky, Beth -daughter in law of Lois, Joe, Judy, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, 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, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Avis, Leona, Esther, Helen.

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

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

New Member Sunday - Today we are acknowledging our new members who have joined through Transfer of Membership and Affirmation of Faith. A Reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Affirmation of Faith- Nancy, Vicki

Transfer of Membership- Ryan & Emily with children Evelyn, Joseph & Luke, Tim & Vicki, Chelsea, Cole & Erin with children Fischer & Fionna, Aaron & Katheryne with children Logan & Titus, Taylor & Christina with children Lucas & Evan, Emma

Budget Voter's Meeting Today 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-8th grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

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

Advent Dinners will be hosted by the Youth this year and will begin this Wednesday, December 5th. Serving will be from 4:15 to 6:15pm. Sign-up sheets are available on the Youth bulletin board outside the church office. Please consider donating an item or two. Dinners will include: 12/5- tacos, 12/12- soup and chili & 12/19- a potluck style meal.

St. John Webstore – The webstore is now open and ready for ordering. There are many different items as well as personalization and text options. Orders will be processed as they are received. The school office will contact you when items are ready for pickup. To select your items visit <https://stjohnstore.martinonesource.com>.

St. John Christmas Shirt – For a limited time, there will be a Christmas Ram short/long sleeve tee available on the webstore. Adult and Youth sizes available.

The Date Has Been Extended to turn in recipes for the Cook Book Mary Martha is putting together. The new due date is January 1st. Please submit your family's favorite recipes to make this a success. Typed if possible or legible hand writing. List your name and phone number so we may contact you if we have questions. Thank you to those who have already turned in recipes; keep them coming.

Lutheran Witness – it is time to renew our church's annual subscription, and we are seeking volunteers who would be willing to sponsor all or part of the expense. The total for the year is \$359.70. Please contact the church office if you have interest.

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 31st. 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.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Dec. 3-9: Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due, 3p; Tuesday – BBB Home vs. St. Thomas, Philo, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring food offering for St. John Food Pantry, Advent Services, 3:30p & 7:15p; Friday – Ram Rebate Pick up, 3rd-8th Grade Spelling Bee, 1:30p; Sunday – 4th-8th Grade Choir Sing, 10:45a

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *1st Sunday in Advent; New Member Sunday*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 *Reception for New Members*, Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Budget Voter's Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board

Wednesday 8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Advent Service; 4:15 Advent Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Advent Service

Thursday 12:30 Widow's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir

Sunday *2nd Sunday in Advent*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 3:00 Service of Hope & Comfort; 4:15 Christmas Caroling

Widow's Group will meet this Thursday, December 6th at 12:30pm at Arby's on Springfield Ave.

A Service of Hope and Comfort Next Sunday – 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 9th 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.

Christmas Caroling – Please join us next Sunday, December 9th as we shine Jesus' light to our homebound members through Christmas caroling. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 4pm. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.. Thank you.

E.A.T. @ Jupiter's – The December E.A.T. night will be at Jupiter's at the Crossing on Monday, December 10th, 4-10pm. Jupiter's is giving back 20% on dine-in, carryout and gift card purchases. Fliers are available on the narthex table. Spread the word to your friends and family.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, December 11th at 1:00pm.

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

In His Hands Orphan Outreach Event – December 8th 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 using "send to family and friends" option at <https://www.paypal.me/Christmas4ACause>. For more information please visit inhishandsorphansoutreach.org,

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th, starting at 9:45am in the sanctuary. We hope you will all be able to join us for the joyous celebration and proclamation of Christ come to Earth.

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 357 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 50:1-6

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Luke 1:57-80

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