

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Youth & Family Life Director Craig Kaschube

Music Director Tracy Wood



Faith at Home

St. John's Lutheran Church

(a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)

www.st-johns-lutheran.com

527 Taylor, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Traditional: 8:15 a.m. With Communion

Contemporary: 10:30 a.m. With Communion

Saturday Night: 5:00 p.m. With Communion



Bulletin deadline: Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. **Newsletter deadline** is the 15th of the month.

Please email announcements to office@slcs.org.

School: (616) 842-0260
Daycare: (616) 414-5499

Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey

Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



JESUS FEEDS



5,000

August 5/6, 2017

The Ninth Weekend After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in... Isaiah 55:1–5, Romans 9:1–13, and Matthew 14:13–21. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "**Leftovers!**", and it's based on **Matthew 14:13-21**.

Prayer before worship: *"O God, by the patient suffering of your only-begotten Son you have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of his goodness borne for our sake that after his example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a public confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, or are invited to come forward to receive a blessing by simply crossing your arms on your chest.

We have gluten-free communion wafers, as well as, non-alcoholic wine – just ask the pastor when you come up for communion.

A note to parents of young children – We welcome and encourage the participation of all children in our worship, cooing and crying and all; however, there is an unmanned nursery downstairs available. There are also Green Activity Bags in the entryway containing many fun things to occupy your children.

To the members of our church – The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

For Pastoral Needs – Please contact the church office at 842-4510 or office@sjlcs.org.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – August 6 – 12, 2017

Calendar

- SUN. 6:30am Lutheran Hour on WSRW
105.7 FM, Grand Rapids
7:00am Lutheran Hour on WGN
720 AM, Chicago
8:15am Traditional Worship
9:30am "Get in the Boat and Fish!" -
Pastor led Bible Study in the
Multipurpose Room
9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible
Study in the 5th/6th grade
Classroom
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Worship For Shut-Ins on the
TCT Network (DIRECTV
channel 377, Dish channel 54,
and Charter channel 2)
- MON. 10:00am Quilters
1:00pm Recorders
7:00pm All boards meet
- TUE. 6:30pm Men's Bible Study in the Social Hall
- WED. 10:00am Youth Beach Day - Grand Haven State Park
5:00pm Unity Christian Music Festival
- THUR. 5:00pm Unity Christian Music Festival
7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. 5:00pm Unity Christian Music Festival
Pastor Kurt's day off
- SAT. 5:00pm Unity Christian Music Festival
5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend August 5/6

Elders: Scott Taylor

Lectors:

8:15 Michael Kuras

10:30 Cheryl Thomas

For the weekend August 12/13

Elders: Matt Williams

Lectors:

8:15 Doug Kolberg

10:30 Kathryn Spink

August Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



**God Bless our
Coast Guard!**

St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

SNIDER, Gwen	08/06
NEAL, Aiden	08/07
KALAVITZ, Jane	08/08
REISTER, Kathleen	08/08
SUMERIX, Dallas	08/08
VOSSEKUIL, Catherine	08/08
UTHE, Dale	08/09
HERMANN, Erwin	08/10
SCHIEFER, Janice	08/10
SMITH, Bill	08/10
TALARICO, Judy	08/10
APPEL-ORTQUIST, Penny	08/11
BOSCH, Benjamin	08/11
SHAKE, Tamara	08/12

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

LYONS, Nick & Ashley (8) 08/08

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"What can we say to those who miscarry a child they already know and love? They are created, redeemed, and called, and God holds them in His hands." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

www.lutheransforlife.org

Other Prayers:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For **Tinley Kay Zondervan**, who will be baptized at our 10:30am worship service. She is the daughter of **Eric & Angela (Spitters) Zondervan**, granddaughter of **Daniel & Marva Spitters**. For **Marlene Guske's** biopsy results that came back negative for cancer. (Marlene appreciates all the prayers, cards and concerns that our church family has shown to her.)

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Dan Sterling**, as he is recovering from back surgery. He is **Pastor Kurt's** brother-in-law.

Other Prayers:

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 54, Sun.: 8:15 – 60, 10:30 – 105; **Total: 219**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$13,105.70

Also received for: BUTC \$654.50, God's Pantry \$240, Financial Freedom \$320, Debt Reduction \$240, Save the Catwalk \$2,550, UGR \$75

Memorials

In memory of Trevor VanVoorst to the Day School by Karen Shields

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Ken & Sue Larson in honor of **their wedding anniversary.**

101 Ways to Love Your Wife: Go to Bed Early – For communication purposes only, turn off the television and put down the newspaper and go to bed with your wife. Share a time of holding each other and talking about your day before fading into sleep.

God's Pantry/Social Ministry: Contact Marlene Guske (842-6879) for food pantry and meals; Monica Boeve (846-5588) for all other financial assistance; Bonnie Bringadahl (607-8076), for meals for the sick/injured. We have a critical need for financial contributions so that we can fulfill our ministry of assisting individuals within our congregation with emergency needs. If you are able to donate please stop by the table in the Social Hall this weekend. Thank You!

Interested in being a part of a Divorce Support Team? Please contact Pastor Kurt at pastorkurt@sjlcs.org or 842-4510 or visit www.divorcecare.org for more info.

Don't Miss this Worship Service: On Sun., Oct. 15, congregations of the Lutheran church Missouri Synod – Michigan District will gather for a combined worship service at Michigan State's Breslin Center. There is no cost but you must preregister for this event. All seats will be assigned. Congregations will be able to sit together. **All ticket reservations are due Aug. 21!** If you are interested, room blocks have been arranged at the Kellogg Center for \$130 a night. The group code is 1710STATEW.

www.kelloggcenter.com There is another block of rooms at the Courtyard by Lansing on Lake Lansing Rd. for a rate of \$109 a night. www.marriott.com/lancy. A shuttle bus to the Breslin is included with your room rate. For free tickets, email Debbie Luytjes at Kluytjes@charter.net.

There is an opening for Sunday School Superintendent for this fall and we'd also like a staffed nursery. For more info, please contact Ben Bosch at benjamin.bosch1983@gmail.com or 638-2020 or Craig Kaschube at 842-4510 or ckaschube@sjlcs.org.

Guitarists Needed: How great would it be if we had some guitars in contemporary worship on a regular basis? Acoustic, electric, and bass guitars will all be considered. If you are a beginner at guitar, contact Tracy Wood to see how you might fit in. If you are more comfortable with guitar, join us! Time needed: as many weekends as you would like. Contact Tracy at twood@sjlcs.org or (616) 402-5099.

The Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing to benefit St. John's Lutheran School is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 17. 2:00pm Shotgun start, 18 holes, 4-person scramble at Pigeon Creek Golf Course (10195 120th Ave., West Olive). Cost: \$60 per player or \$220 per team, includes Pig Roast dinner following golf. Sign up between church services or by contacting David Turner at turner@johnnyadvertising.com.

St. John's Lutheran School Pig Roast Fundraiser: Not a golfer? Come join us for food, fun and fellowship following the golf outing...all for a good cause to support St. John's Lutheran School. Pulled Pork with choice of BBQ sauces and all the sides! Sun., Sept. 17 at 6:00pm at Pigeon Creek Golf Course (10195 120th Ave., West Olive). Only \$20 per person; tickets available between church services or by contacting David Turner at turner@johnnyadvertising.com.

Interested in being a part of a Grief Support Team? Please contact Pastor Kurt at pastorkurt@sjlcs.org or 842-4510, or visit www.griefshare.org for more info.

West MI LCMS Youth Beach Day is Wed., Aug. 9, 10:00am-4:00pm at Grand Haven State Park. Junior & Senior Youth and friends are invited to this 4th annual event! Lunch is provided. Bring your favorite beach games. We'll offer volleyball, soccer and other beach game tournaments. We'll pack up from the beach and travel to Unity in Muskegon to enjoy the free concerts at 4:00pm. Bring some \$\$ for dinner. Contact Sue LaLonde for more info at (616) 847-7876 or suelalonde@charter.net. (Let us know if you can carpool to the concert and/or if your child needs a ride.)

Plan to Join Pastor Kurt on Sun. mornings at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room for his Aug. Bible Study Series - "Get in the Boat and Fish!"

St. John's Infant/Toddler room is in need of a small counter top microwave. If you have one that you are able to donate we would appreciate it. Please drop off at the school office.

Men's Choir: Men of all ages are invited to join this month long choir. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning on Sept. 6. A fun way to fellowship with your brothers in Christ and also to sing praises to our great God. Contact Tracy Wood at twood@sjlcs.org or (616) 402-5099.

Put Your Old Eyewear to Good Use! Through Sept., the Evangelism/ Fellowship boards are teamed up to collect gently used eyeglasses (adult-sized and child-sized prescription glasses, over-the-counter reading glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses) to send to MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries. A drop-off box is located in the Social Hall. MOST Ministries is a MI based, non-profit short-term mission sending agency and a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. The donated glasses are reconditioned and distributed to individuals living in undeveloped nations who cannot afford eye care. For info about our drive, contact Roxana Taylor at (616) 834-2398 or taylorr@gvsu.edu.

Part-time Director of Music Needed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Muskegon. For more info, contact Anna Woell at (231) 755-1292 or annaw@tlcmuskegon.org or visit www.tlcmuskegon.org/music-director-job-description.

School Supplies Needed and are being collected by the Social Ministry for our students at St. John's Lutheran School: especially needed is loose leaf and spiral notebooks of wide-ruled paper; we are also collecting pencils, highlighters and glue sticks. Our ministry board and teachers sincerely appreciate your continued support. A collection box will be located outside the school doors.

Help Needed: St. John's Lutheran Church & School currently has a job opening for a daycare worker in our Toddler Room. This is a 5 day a week job, 30+ hours. Contact Heidi Bohn at hbohn@silcs.org or (616) 414-5499. See job description at: www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Childcare%20Provider.pdf.

Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk is Sun., Oct. 1 at 1:00pm at Spring Lake Christian Reformed. Please consider walking with us to help combat hunger and poverty. This is an awesome way to share the love of Christ and the many blessings He has given us. See Tracy Wood for more info.

Worship On the Waterfront (WOW) is a free outdoor worship series held on Sun. 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Waterfront Stadium in Grand Haven. WOW is only cancelled in the case of extreme weather. Aug. 6 - Jonny Diaz; Aug. 13 - Jason Crabb; Aug. 20 - Citizen Way; Aug. 27 - Mark Schultz.

Feeding America Truck: St. Luke Lutheran (11261 South St., Nunica) is hosting a food truck on Tue., Aug. 8. Food distribution begins at 6:00pm. Open to you or anyone you know who is in need of food. Please arrive early as registration is required. Contact their office at (616) 837-6059 with any questions.

Church Calendar: Attention Board Directors and other Church Leaders --- Our goal was to have the rest of 2017 events and all of 2018 events scheduled and on the church calendar by Aug. 1, 2017. Please submit your events asap.

Here We Stand Ingathering To Serve East Lansing Care Organizations: As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Wellspring Lutheran Services is organizing an ingathering. Each region of the District will collect items for one of four care organizations in the greater Lansing area. St. John's has been designated to bring canned and boxed food items to the 500th Anniversary Worship Service on Oct. 15, at the Breslin Center. Our donations will support Greater Lake Food Bank - a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in seven counties.

Wanted: The Faith At Home Steering Committee and Parish Education would like volunteer Host/Facilitators for Home Bible Studies or Hosts of Home Bible Studies. The bible studies can be DVD or web based using Right Now Media which has numerous possibilities. We would like the studies to begin soon after **Kick Off Sunday** (Rally Day), Sept. 10. The volunteers can opt to have weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc., bible studies. Also, the volunteers will be given the option of the day and time to have their study. Please contact Richard at rjrothe@att.net or (616) 502-0567 or Craig Kaschube at (616) 405-5514 or ckaschube@silcs.org if you would like to host a bible study in your home.