

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



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

Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey

Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



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

Please email announcements to office@slcs.org.

I have become
ALL THINGS
to
ALL PEOPLE,
that I might by
ALL MEANS
save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22, NRSV

February 3/4, 2018
The Fifth Weekend After the Epiphany
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 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 and Mark 1:29-39. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "**What Would It Look Like?**", and it's based on **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**.*

Prayer before worship: *"O Lord God Almighty, since you bless your servants with various and unusual gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to use them always to your honor and glory; 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. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sunday during Bible Study time.

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 – February 4 – 10, 2018

Calendar

***all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated**

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| SUN. | 8:15am | Traditional Worship |
| | 9:30am | Sunday School |
| | 9:30am | Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room in the church basement |
| | 10:30am | Contemporary Worship – Confirmation Sunday |
| | 2:30pm | Grand Pines worship |
| MON. | 10:00am | Quilters in the church basement |
| | 11:30am | Recorders |
| | 7:00pm | All Boards meet |
| TUE. | 10:00am | Faith at Home meeting |
| | 4:00pm | Porto Bello Fundraiser |
| | 6:30pm | Men's Bible Study |
| WED. | 9:30am | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 10:00am | Chapel |
| | 1:15pm | Church Staff meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Celebration Choir |
| THUR. | 7:15pm | Praise Team |
| FRI. | | Pastor Kurt's day off |
| SAT. | 5:00pm | Worship |

Stewards

For the weekend Feb. 3/4

Elders: Craig Montgomery

Acolytes:

5:00 Tiffanie Fase

8:15 Adrian & Alex Douglas

10:30 Alex & Emily Batka

Crucifer: Emily Batka

For the weekend Feb. 10/11

Elders: Scott Taylor

Acolytes:

5:00 Matthew Uthe

8:15 Hudson Shake

10:30 Emily Smith

7:00 Molly & Penny Williams **(Ash Wed)**

Lectors:

8:15 Carol Shake

10:30 Karen Shields

February Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

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| BOL, Richard | 02/04 |
| OHLENDORF, Trish | 02/04 |
| RALYA, Dwight | 02/04 |
| PARYLAK, Avery | 02/06 |
| MCCULLOCH, Donna | 02/07 |
| ANDERSON, Bob | 02/08 |
| DUER II, Duff | 02/08 |
| HIRR, Carol | 02/08 |
| YOUNG, Patsy Kelly | 02/08 |
| GREEN, Kenneth | 02/09 |
| PEETS, Rylan | 02/10 |

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"[I]f it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God."

Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers for the Grieving:

For **Pastor Alan Klatt and family** (former colleague and students of Pastor Kurt's) as his wife passed away on January 29, 2018 after battling liver disease. For the **family of Katie Foxe** (former colleague of Ken Marton) who died in an automobile accident in Grayslake, Illinois on January 29.

Other Prayers:

Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

For all those families affected by the flu. Continued healing for **Carol Schmidt, Sue Larson** and all others we know in our hearts.

Continued prayers for **Teresa Taylor**. For deliverance from major flu sickness for **Carrie Boeve**.

For **Karen Shields' friend** who is beginning 6 weeks of radiation.

For the Arens family's sister-in-laws and aunts, **Denise Arens**, who has breast cancer and is starting chemo treatments and **Cindy Arens**, who has brain cancer, of which there is no cure - given 5 months to 5 years to live.

For **Norma Patton**, whose sister Nancy passed away on January 27, 2017.

For **Ron Young** as he deals with a lung infection.

For all our **Junior Confirmands**, that they will continue to walk with Christ.

For **Dennis Johnson**.

For us all, that we may show brotherly love for all our communities.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For the following who will be confirmed at our 10:30 worship service:

Dorian Giovanni Cipolla (Psalm 26:8)

Madeline Paige Fellows (Joshua 1:9)

Samuel John Liggett (Matthew 19:26)

Matthew David Uthe (Isaiah 40:31)

Molly Elizabeth Williams (Philippians 4:13)

Penny Isabelle Williams (Psalm 33:4)

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 42, Sun.: 8:15 – 65, 10:30 – 134; Total: 201

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$14,160.41

Also received for: BUTC \$633, God's Pantry \$40, Financial Freedom \$210, Debt Reduction \$1,120, Chapel – Hearts for Jesus \$416

Memorials

In memory of **Kathie Gannon** to the General Fund by Nathan & Kelly Gibson

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Bob & Rosie Anderson in honor of **Bob's 90th birthday.**

101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid: Do Your Chores – If you don't have a chore list, suggest a list of things you could do to help around the house – and don't just pick the easy stuff! Check off the weekly and daily things that are listed. If you do have a chore list, do each thing promptly – and throw in an extra chore for good measure.

God's Pantry/Social Ministry: Contact Marlene Guske (616) 842-6879 for food pantry and meals; Monica Boeve (616) 846-5588 for all other financial assistance; Bonnie Bringadahl (616) 607-8076, for meals for the sick/injured. We have some Gerber baby food donated to us. If you can use these food products, call Marlene Guske at (616) 842-6879. **Pantry needs:** Pork & beans, macaroni & cheese **Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** will reconvene on Sun., Mar. 4, when we'll begin our study on the Sacraments beginning with Holy Baptism.

Plan to join Pastor Kurt for his Bible Study next Sun. at 9:30am. (There is no Bible Study this Sun., Feb. 4.) **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

Lent Begins on Feb. 14: Make sure to join us on Wed., Feb. 14 at 7:00pm for our Ash Wednesday service. If you are unable to attend in the evening, you can join our students in chapel at 10:00am where we plan to include the Imposition of Ashes. Midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join us!

Baby Bottle Fundraiser: Social ministry is asking you to support Lakeshore Pregnancy Center by filling a baby bottle with your donations and returning them to the basket in the Social Hall by Feb. 28. Thank you to all who are moved to give to such a worthy and blessed cause...LIFE!!

Home Plate 2018 with the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park is on Sat., May 12. Players will share about their careers in sports and faith in Jesus Christ. A \$34 ticket includes: game ticket, program, food coupon, and souvenirs. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like more info. Deadline to sign up is Sun., Mar. 4. Contact Alex Montgomery (616) 638-2504 or alex.montgomery88@gmail.com for more info.

Sub Sandwiches Are Ready: Pick up your orders in the Social Hall after the services on Sat. or Sun. We do have extra subs for purchase this weekend only. Thank you for supporting St. John's youth group!

Electronic Giving is a program that offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our church. **Sign up by Feb. 28 and you could win a \$50 gift card!*** (*This is a St. John's drawing so your chances of winning are huge!) Authorization forms are available in the Social Hall, the church office or visit www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving.pdf.

Porto Bello Restaurant Fundraiser: Come on in to Porto Bello on Tue., Feb. 6 to support St. John's Lutheran School! At which time 15% (includes carry out) of all monies spent between 4:00 and 8:30pm will go directly to St. John's. We look forward to seeing you there, and thank you in advance for your support!

"Michigan Awesome" Auction: Did you know that our annual spring auction is the largest fundraiser that we have?! Last year we *profited* over \$20,000 to benefit our school!! This annual event that benefits St. Johns Lutheran School is Fri., Mar. 23, at Harbourfront Grand Hall. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings or in the school office during the normal school day hours. Interested in donating or have questions call or text Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

Vacation Bible School 2018: Mark your calendars and strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride! St. John's will be having our VBS in the evenings from July 16th through the 20th. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please indicate so on your Connect Card.

New Men's Bible Study: The Parish Board of Education and Faith At Home is offering a new 6 week morning Bible Study for men starting on Tue., Feb. 20, at 6:30-7:30am in the Social Hall. The study, entitled 33 Series: A Man and His Design, is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. The study will be facilitated by Pastor Kurt and/or Craig Kaschube. The sessions begin at 6:30am and will be over promptly at 7:30am for those of you that have to go to work, etc. We will have coffee and donuts available for each one of the sessions. See you then. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like more information.

Church Treasurer: Our church Treasurer, Edna Duer, has asked to retire. With more than 7+ years on the job, it's time to let someone else fill this position. Many significant changes and improvements to our computer accounting system have occurred under her leadership. An accounting/computer skill set is a must; training will be provided. Much of the work is done electronically and includes oversight of the church budget, monthly/quarterly cash flows, and monthly reports to PPC. This does not include handling daily input and bill paying (which is handled by our bookkeeper). If you are interested in this very important roll for St. John's, please contact either Edna Duer, at (616) 402-9648 or duerdued@gmail.com, Harry Schmidt at (616) 846-2648 or hcschmidt@att.net, or Pastor Kurt.

Family Matters at St. John's: You may have heard about the Family Matters group and wondered what they are doing or if it is something that you would like to be involved in. I would love you to join us in our journey of connecting with our family at St. John's. The result has been that members of our family have heard from us that we care about them and that our family isn't complete without them! We need your ideas and your help, because this work doesn't happen without you. Our next meeting will take place on Mon., Feb. 12, at 7:00pm at the parsonage so please join us! There is no need to register, just come and join us. Thanks, Shelley Wenzelburger
wenzelsk@hotmail.com

2018 Offering Envelopes can be picked up in the Social Hall. Thank you for joining us in the support of our Lord's mission.

2017 Offering Statements: Attention St. John's members – please pick up your 2017 offering statements from the Narthex. These will not be mailed out.

Every One His Witness Seminar is set for Sat., Feb. 10, 8:30am-3:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church (2727 Five Mile Rd. NE, GR). Witness is the work each of us Christians are called to do by our Savior, Jesus Christ. A simple approach to witnessing called LASSIE — Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage will be shared by local LCMS pastors. Cost is \$10/person (includes all materials, continental breakfast & lunch). Register by Sun., Feb. 4 by calling (616) 363-2553 or at www.messiahgr.org/events/every-one-his-witness.

Take Heart, Take Action: Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Take Heart, Take Action is a theological conference at Our Savior Lutheran Church (7910 E. St. Joe. Hwy., Lansing), 8:30am-3:00pm and is for laypeople and church workers, and the featured speakers will share practical advice and insight into our calling as witnesses of the Gospel. Register at <https://events.michigandistrict.org/calendar/2018-takehearttakeaction>. **Faith At Home will offer scholarships to this conference for anyone that would like to attend.** Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like more info.

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A Night to Shine, hosted by The Lakes Church (5873 Kendra Rd., Fruitport) is Fri., Feb. 9, 6:00-9:00pm and your help is needed. HOW YOU CAN HELP? You can pray for this amazing event. You can donate your time and talents by volunteering at the event, helping with the event preparations, or by offering financial support. Call (231) 681-3055 or visit www.nighttoshinefruitportmi.com to learn more, volunteer, donate or register. Free tickets available for those with special needs 14 years and up.