

**Church: (616) 842-4510**

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

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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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Please email announcements to [office@slcs.org](mailto:office@slcs.org).

**School: (616) 842-0260**  
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Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



January 27/28, 2018  
The Fourth 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...**Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, and Mark 1:21-28. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "**Ha...llelujah!**", and it's based on **Mark 1:21-28**.

**Prayer before worship:** "Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken our hearts that we may never forget your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise you for all your goodness, that we may live in your fear until with all your saints we praise you eternally in your heavenly kingdom; 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](mailto:office@sjlcs.org).



# Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – January 28 – February 3, 2018

## Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Pastor led Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room in the church basement
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship – includes Statements of Faith by Junior Confirmands
MON.	10:00am	Quilters in the church basement
	11:30am	Recorders
TUE.	4:00pm	Boy's basketball game (away - At Our Savior)
	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am	Chapel
	7:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	1:00pm	Ladies Aid meeting
	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	5:00pm	Worship

## Stewards

### For the weekend Jan. 27/28

**Elders:** Al Lutz

**Acolytes:**

**8:15** Samuel Ohlendorf

**10:30** Tiffanie Fase

### 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

### January Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128

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## Bible Quiz

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

ANDERSON, Abigail	01/28
DOUGLAS, Anthony	01/28
SCHMIDT, Jami	01/28
BONNEAU, Ian	01/30
DORA, Michael	01/30
JEROVSEK, Nancy	01/30
DZIKOWICZ, Abigail	01/31
SCHMIDT, Bill	01/31
TURNER, David	02/01
KASCHUBE, Craig	02/02
BROOKY, Mark	02/03

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

CHAPMAN, Les & Ronda (40)	01/28
SIMPSON, Tim & Lynn (36)	01/29
FRANCIK, Terry & Debra (37)	01/31
OHLENDORF, David & Trish (17)	02/03
RALYA, Dwight & Karen (19)	02/03

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Prayers of Supplication:

For **Dennis Johnson**, under hospice care. For **Teresa Taylor (Terry Westedt's daughter)**, being treated for cancer. For **Barb Maschewske**, recently hospitalized. **Donna McCulloch, Bill Smith** and **Sue Larson** recovering from surgery.

### Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

For **Sue Larson**, for a successful surgery. For the **Luckett family** (friends of the Snider-Parise family), as they lost mom unexpectedly in her sleep at the age of 51. Dad (Randy), son, Carter (20), and daughter, Lily (12) could use our prayers. They are a Christian family that attends another church.

For **Steve** (neighbor of Barb Maschewske) who has multiple serious health issues.

For **Teresa Taylor**, as she goes through her treatments for cancer.

For **Patricia Batka** (mother of Andy Batka), recovering from a broken hip in Kansas.

For **Dennis Johnson**, continuing in hospice care at McAuley in Muskegon. For **Andy Hass** (Diane Howard's brother), that he would be healed of his heart and other health problems, but most importantly that he would be given faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior of his life. For safe traveling mercies for Marlene Guske's daughter, **Heidi** & husband, **Mike**. Praise for safety of grandson, **Charlie**, at work.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 41, Sun.: 8:15 – 67, 10:30 – 119; Total: 227

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

**\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry**

**General Fund Gifts Received:** \$13,293.57

**Also received for:** BUTC \$190, Financial Freedom \$110, Debt Reduction \$1,185, TNMBS breakfast \$122, Box Tops \$106.90

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Nancy VandenBosch in honor of SJLC teachers and staff.

**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

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser:** Social ministry is asking our congregation to support Lakeshore Pregnancy Center in honor and support of Right to Life Sunday by taking a baby bottle from the Social Hall and returning it with your donations in the basket. This is an ongoing fund raiser through February. Thank you to all who are moved to give to such a worthy and blessed cause...LIFE!!

**Confirmation News:** Our second year confirmation students will share their Statements of Faith this Sun., Jan. 28 at our 10:30am worship service. They will then be confirmed on Sun., Feb. 4 at our 10:30am worship service.

**Plan to join Pastor Kurt** for the conclusion of our Bethlehem Star Bible Study at 9:30am. (Also note that next week's Bible Study has been cancelled.) **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

**Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** will be on recess until Mar. 4. When we reconvene we will begin our study on the Sacraments beginning with Holy Baptism.

**Home Plate 2018 – A Pre-Game Program with the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park** is on Sat., May 12 at 12:30, and game is at 4:10pm. Players from the Tigers 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. [www.homeplatedetroit.org](http://www.homeplatedetroit.org) Deadline to signup is Sun., Mar. 4. Contact Alex Montgomery (616) 638-2504 or [alex.montgomery88@gmail.com](mailto:alex.montgomery88@gmail.com) for more info.

**"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 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please indicate so on your Connect Card.

**St. John's Book Fair:** You can still shop online through Tue., Jan. 30 at [www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnluth2](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnluth2). Online purchases will be shipped directly to the school. Profits from the fair directly support our school's library.

**Take Heart, Take Action:** Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to be a witness? How can my witness persuade someone to believe? How can I be a witness to people who really don't seem to care about church or the faith? Take Heart, Take Action is a theological conference for laypeople and church workers, and the featured speakers will share practical advice and insight into our calling as witnesses of the Gospel. Register for Take Heart, Take Action, Feb. 24, at Our Savior Lutheran Church (7910 E. St. Joe. Hwy., Lansing), 8:30am-3:00pm. at <https://events.michigandistrict.org/calendar/2018-takehearttakeaction>.

Registration (includes lunch) is \$20. **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 information.

**St. Luke Lutheran Church** is hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sauerkraut w/Pork & Kielbasa Supper and you are invited! Enjoy with all the extras to make a filling meal (mashed potatoes, gravy, spatzens, green beans, hot dogs, drink and desserts) at St. Luke Lutheran (11261 South St., Nunica) on Sat., Feb. 3, 4:00-7:00pm. Adults (12 yrs+) \$12, children (4-11 yrs) \$5, under 3 are free. Call (616) 837-6059 for tickets.

**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](http://www.messiahgr.org/events/every-one-his-witness).

**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](mailto:duerdued@gmail.com), Harry Schmidt at (616) 846-2648 or [hcschmidt@att.net](mailto:hcschmidt@att.net), or Pastor Kurt.

**The Following Will Give Their Statements of Faith at our 10:30 Worship:**



**Dorian Cipolla  
Madeline Fellows  
Samuel Liggett  
Matthew Uthe  
Molly Williams  
Penny Williams**

**2018 Volunteer Opportunities at Love in Action!** Come and be a part of what God is doing in the Tri-Cities! We have wonderful opportunities for every interest! Life Skill Class Facilitators, Bible Study Leaders, Child Caregivers, IT Assistance, People who can do household repairs – both skilled and unskilled, Store Workers, Dentists, Hygienists and more. If you would like to learn more about serving your community with Love In Action, please contact Carrie Tuls, Volunteer Coordinator at (616) 846-2701 [carrie@loveinactiontricity.org](mailto:carrie@loveinactiontricity.org).

**This is the last weekend to order Subs!!!**

**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL 6" SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER**

**2018 ORDER FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY & LEGIBLY**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$2.50 each or 10/\$20.00 (\$1.00 more per double meat sandwich)**

*\* Submit payment (cash or personal check to "St. John's Youth") with order form \**

**# SUBS ORDERED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MEAT CHOICES:</b>	<b>QTY.</b>	<b>DOUBLE MEAT?</b>	<b>AMERICAN CHEESE CHOICES:</b>
<i>* Bun is a 6" white hoagie *</i>	<i>* Write # of subs for double meat *</i>		<i>* Write # of subs with/without cheese *</i>
Ham	___	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes-DM ___ No-DM ___ Yes ___ No
Turkey	___	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes-DM ___ No-DM ___ Yes ___ No
Ham & Turkey	___	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes-DM ___ No-DM ___ Yes ___ No
Ham & Salami	___	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes-DM ___ No-DM ___ Yes ___ No
Ham, Salami, & Turkey	___	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes-DM ___ No-DM ___ Yes ___ No

**\* EXAMPLE ORDER FOR SARAH & STEVE SUBMARINE \***

Ham & Turkey	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> Yes <u>3</u> No	<u>0</u> Yes-DM <u>1</u> No-DM <u>3</u> Yes <u>0</u> No
Ham, Salami & Turkey	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u> Yes <u>2</u> No	<u>2</u> Yes-DM <u>2</u> No-DM <u>1</u> Yes <u>1</u> No

*Their order's total cost is \$25.00 (10 subs for \$20, \$5.00 extra for 5 double meat subs)*

**Submit order form and payment using the Social Hall drop box by Sunday, 1/28/18.**

*Pickup orders at church after worship Saturday, 2/3/18 or Sunday morning, 2/4/18.*