

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger
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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
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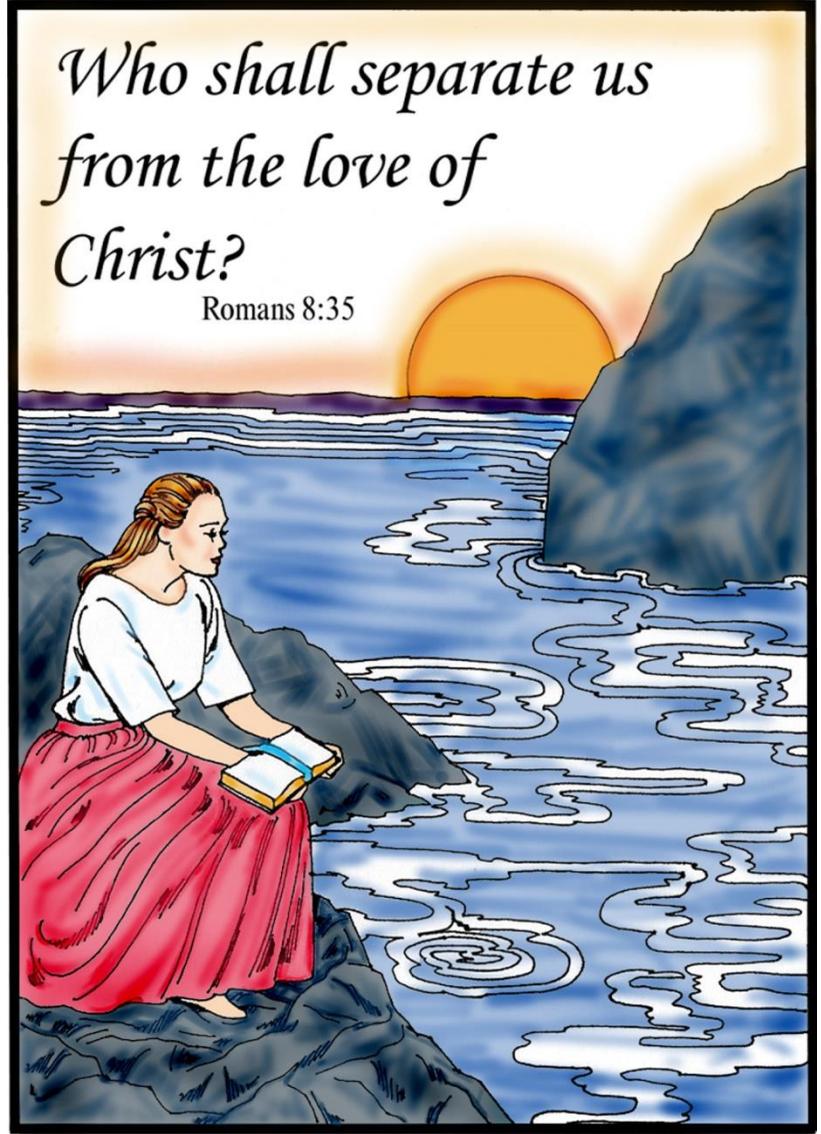
Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey
Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



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

Please email announcements to office@slcs.org.

July 29/30, 2017
The Eighth Weekend After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI



*Who shall separate us
from the love of
Christ?*

Romans 8:35

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in...Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Romans 8:28–39, and Matthew 13:44–52. The message, presented by guest Pastor George Hamilton, is entitled "**Free from Fear: Forever with Jesus**", and it's based on **Romans 8:31-39**.

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.

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@silcs.org.

Theme Thought: St. Paul brings his letter to the Romans to a fantastic climax in chapter 8. Our all-powerful God loves us so much that His desire to give us eternal life defeats everything that could obstruct His goal.

“Free from Fear: Forever with Jesus”

Romans 8:31-39

Introduction: Guilt over sin oppresses our lives.

- I. Jesus has a grand plan to free His followers from fear.**
 - a. God has always wanted good for us. (v. 31)**
 - b. Jesus already paid the price for us. (v.32)**
 - c. God has declared us righteous. (v. 33)**
 - d. Jesus prays for us. (v. 34)**
- II. How can our sin overcome all of God’s power?**
- III. God loves every believer under Jesus rule. (vs.35-39)**
 - a. Nobody can separate us from the most powerful.**
 - b. More than conquerors is our label to wear.**
 - c. Identify with love from God in Christ Jesus**

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – July 30 – August 5, 2017

	Calendar
SUN.	Pastor Kurt is on vacation through July 30 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 Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with Pastor Hamilton 9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 th /6 th 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) 2:30pm Village at the Pines worship service School office is closed
MON.	10:00am Quilters 1:00pm Recorders
TUE.	6:30pm Men's Bible Study in the Social Hall
THUR.	1:00pm Ladies Aid meeting 7:15pm Praise Team
FRI.	Church Office is closed Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	CG Festival Parking Lot Fund Raiser 5:00pm Worship

Stewards
For the weekend July 29/30
Elders: Bill Schmidt
Lectors:
8:15 Dave Scalici
10:30 Holly Spink
For the weekend August 5/6
Elders: Scott Taylor
Lectors:
8:15 Michael Kuras
10:30 Cheryl Thomas
July Altar Guild:
Peggy Erhorn (616) 414-9246

St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

HAMBERG, Abigail	07/30
HAMBERG, Avery	07/30
MONTGOMERY, Alexander	07/30
ROTHER, Sharon	07/30
PALMER, Matthew	07/31
HARDY, Kim	08/01
CHAPMAN, Amanda	08/02
DZIKOWICZ, Anthony	08/02
SHUMAKER, Derek	08/02
ZONDLAK, Dayton	08/02
SNIDER, Ernst	08/04
BARTELS, Scott	08/05
SIMPSON, Tim	08/05

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

HARVEY, Tim & Laura (30)	07/31
MARCINAK, Laurence & Deb (42)	08/01
DZIKOWICZ, Anthony & Amy (17)	08/05
SCHUCH, Chuck & Jeanne (45)	08/05

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"The more we humans have learned about life, the more we've expanded technology, medicine, and prenatal skill, we still allow a philosophy of human autonomy that places personal preference over life ... Personhood begins at conception. Period." *Fr.*

Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Other Prayers:

Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Mabel Bray**, who passed away on July 26, 2017.

Prayers of Supplication:

For **Marlene Guske** as she awaits the results from a bladder biopsy and for **Barb O'Shaughnessy** as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for Visiting Pastor:

Please pray for **Pastor George Hamilton** who will preach in Pastor Kurt's place this weekend, July 29/30.

Other Prayers:

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 37, Sun.: 8:15 – 67, 10:30 – 112; **Total: 216**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$14,551.52

Also received for: BUTC \$412.50, God's Pantry \$110, Financial Freedom \$10, Camp Restore \$500, Arnie Redeker Golf Outing \$275, VBS \$10, Debt Reduction \$70, Catwalk \$300, UGR \$75

Memorials

In memory of Don Krueger to God's Pantry by Joan Krueger

In memory of Kirk Riessen to Debt Retirement by Bob & Rosie Anderson

In memory of Trevor VanVoorst to the Catwalk by Wonderland Tire Co., Kalamazoo Oil Co.

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Fay Hoffman in honor of **Shirley & Jeffery and their families.**

101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid: Help Cook – Ask mom or dad if they would like you to help prepare the food for dinner. Make sure you wash your hands before helping, and be careful around the stove. They might even let you have some samples as you work together!

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 or next weekend. Thank You!

Join us October 15 as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. Be part

of a worship service with brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the state and our region. 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.

New Member Class (Special Summer Schedule): If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's, or you would simply like to review or have a better understanding of what we believe and teach, feel free to join us for a special 6-session summer class to be held on the following dates:

Mon., Jul. 31, 9:30-11:00am

Wed., Aug. 2, 9:30-11:00am

Mon., Aug. 7, 9:30-11:00am

Wed., Aug. 9, 9:30-11:00am

Mon., Aug. 14, 9:30-11:00am

Wed., Aug. 16, 9:30-11:00am

Please call the office to let us know if you plan to attend...or just show up! ☺

Coast Guard Festival Parking Lot Fund

Raiser: Don't forget to support our 7th and 8th grade class as they prepare for their trip to Washington DC! How, you ask? By parking your car in our church parking lot during the Coast Guard Parade on Sat., Aug. 5. How simple is that? Suggested Donation: \$5.00

The Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing

is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 17. 2:00pm Shotgun start, Pig Roast Dinner at 6:00pm at Pigeon Creek Golf Course. Cost: \$60 per person or \$220 per Foursome, includes Pig Roast; (Pig Roast only = \$25); fun and fellowship; food and prizes.

Contact David Turner today to secure a spot for your group at

turner@johnnyadvertising.com.

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.

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.

St. John's Summer Office Hours: During the first week of Aug., our church office will be open Mon. – Thur., 9:00am-3:00pm and the school office will be open Tue. – Fri., 9:00am-3:00pm. (Someone should always be here between 9:00am and 3:00pm ☺.) If you have a pastoral need at a time when the office is closed, feel free to contact Pastor Kurt at (414) 736-1772 or Craig Kaschube at (616) 405-5514.

Guitarists Needed: Guitarist: 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. Please contact Tracy Wood with questions at twood@sjlcs.org or (616) 402-5099.

West Michigan LCMS Youth Beach Day

is Wed., Aug. 9, 10:00am-4:00pm at Grand Haven State Park. Junior and Senior Youth – you and your friends are invited to this 4th annual event! Lunch is provided. Bring your favorite beach games. We will offer volleyball, soccer and other beach game tournaments. We will pack up from the beach and travel to the Unity Music Festival 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.

Worship On the Waterfront (WOW) is a free outdoor worship series held on Sun. evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Waterfront Stadium in Grand Haven. WOW is only cancelled in the case of extreme weather. For cancellation info, listen to 92.1 WGHN, call 842-6600, or find WOW on Facebook. Jul. 30 - The City Harmonic; Aug. 6 - Jonny Diaz; Aug. 13 - Jason Crabb; Aug. 20 - Citizen Way; Aug. 27 - Mark Schultz.

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.

Thank you to St John's Congregation for their most generous donation of 1,521 diapers of various sizes and 720 Baby Wipes!! In addition, 13 beautifully hand knitted with love, newborn items, hats and mittens were donated to Lakeshore Pregnancy Center. Your support of this caring ministry is greatly appreciated. Thank You Again.

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@silcs.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.

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.

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.

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.

Building an emergency savings fund is the top goal of American Savers. Nearly a third of Savers today have chosen "emergency savings" as their first wealth-building goal. A **Church Extension Fund ExtensionPlus** account is an investment that builds over time with automatic cash transfers (ACT) and earned interest. You can access the funds easily in the case of an unexpected expense and keep from using a high-interest credit card. To learn more call Church Extension Fund at (800) 242-3944 or visit them online at www.mi-cef.org.

Here We Stand Ingathering To Serve East Lansing Care Organizations: As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation celebration, Wellspring Lutheran Services is organizing an ingathering that will take place on Oct. 15. 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 on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. Our donations will support Greater Lake Food Bank - a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in seven counties.