



June 1/2, 2019  
The Seventh Weekend of Easter



## St. John's Lutheran Church & School

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do  
it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to  
God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

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Worship Times:

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:15am & 10:30am



# **Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School**

This weekend's lessons are found in... Acts 1:12-26, Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20, and John 17:20-23. Pastor Kurt's message is entitled "**An Ongoing Prayer Life**". It's based on **John 17:20-23**.

**Prayer before worship:** "Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Therefore send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may strive to overcome the world and, serving You in holiness and pureness of living, may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

## **In Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

To Our Guests:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the teaching of our Lord Jesus, we invite 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 Holy Communion is also a confession of the faith we confess at this altar, those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a public confession which differs from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are asked to meditate on God's Word during the distribution hymns and pray for the day when all divisions will have ceased. You are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by simply crossing your arms over 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 for your use. There are also 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 (616) 842-4510 or [office@sjlcs.org](mailto:office@sjlcs.org).



# Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – June 2 – 8, 2019

## Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Pastor Kurt's Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
MON.	10:00am	Quilters
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	All boards meet
TUE.	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00	Student Showcase
	6:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	1:00pm	Ladies Aid meeting
	7:15pm	Praise Team practice
FRI.		Last Day of School Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	11:00am	Munch Funeral Luncheon
	5:00pm	Worship

### Stewards

#### For June 1/2

**Elders:** Ben Bosch  
Ben Appold

**Lectors:**

**5:00** Ben Bosch  
**8:15** Kay Waters  
**10:30** Ben Bosch

**Acolytes:**

**8:15** Hudson Shake  
**10:30** Brian Boik

#### For June 8/9

**Elders:** Joey Wade  
Chuck Hasseldahl

#### June Altar Guild:

Sharon Rothe (616) 502-3326  
Ronda Chapman (616) 847-8736



## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

LALONDE, Maggie	06/02
LEE, Kenneth	06/02
MILLER, Ruth	06/02
PATTON, Norma	06/02
HECK, Kurt	06/03
DORA, David	06/04
KIEFT, Lenore	06/04
VAN DONGEN, Dawn	06/04
SIMPSON, Lynn	06/05
FELLOWS, Caleb	06/06
NAGEL, Dave	06/06
WENZELBURGER, Kurt	06/06
BIESECKER, Jim	06/07
TURNER, Penny	06/07

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

CHALIFOUX, Phillip & Denise (25)	06/03
BIESECKER, Jim & Joan (43)	06/05
GRABOWSKI, Rich & Dorothy (33)	06/06

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Instead of dreaming of what your spouse will do for you, you should ask yourself, are you willing to serve him or her sacrificially? To paraphrase John F. Kennedy: Ask not what your spouse can do for you, rather ask what you can do for your spouse." *Pastor Ricky Jacob, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church and preschool, Winnebago – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

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

### Prayer Requests:

For **Jim Munch's** wife, **Greer**, who is struggling.

For protection and safety as **Sherry, Kyle & Tara Brooky** travel to Maryland.

For **Drexel Kalavitz** for a quick recovery for an upcoming surgery.

For **Diann Davison**, as she will have total hip replacement on June 4.

For complete healing in **Leah Appold's** humerus bone.

For healing for **Lester & Cathie Van Allsburg's** friend's grandchild who has spinal meningitis.

Thank God for successful surgery for **Zach**.

Blessings to **Stuart & Bethany Aspinall** as they were joined in marriage on Saturday, May 25.

For safe travels for **Ryan Montgomery** as he flies home from Copenhagen, Denmark. He has finished his 5 months of studying abroad.

For **Karen Lange** as she receives her first radiation treatment on June 5.

For strength, faith, and God's abiding peace for **Ross & MaryLinda Kittleman** each and every day.

Please join **Richard & Sharon Rothe** in thanking God for the successful heart surgery their granddaughter underwent. The surgeon was able to accomplish everything that he had hoped to do. They ask for your continued prayers as she recovers.

For **Katelyn Geerlings** as she recovers from surgery for a deviated septum. Thank you, Father, for the strength to make it through each day.

For **Catie Vossekul**, as she broke her arm and is now recovering from surgery.

For **Barb Maschewske**, receiving rehab at Riverside Nursing and Rehab.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Sat.: 5:00 – 56; Sun.: 8:15 – 51, 10:30 – 105; **Total: 212**

**(Weekly worship attendance goal is 300!)**

*Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve*

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

**\$19,780.00 is needed weekly for our ministry**

**General Fund Gifts Received \$10,349.59**

**Also received for:** Capital Improvement \$361, God's Pantry \$150, Financial Freedom \$200, Daycare Roof \$200, Church Worker Scholarship \$175, Pentecost Flowers \$305, Playground \$500

#### Memorials

**In memory of Tammy Schmidt** to the day School by Bob & Rosie Anderson

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Lester & Cathie Van Allsburg** in honor of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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. Annual Diaper Drive for Lakeshore Pregnancy Center goes through Father's Day, Jun. 16. Size 4,5,6 and pullup diapers can be dropped off in the Social Hall under the Social Ministry Bulletin Board. Each year St. John's has donated over 1,000 diapers to those in need from the Tri-Cities area. Thank You.

**Simply Giving Challenge!** Please consider an alternative way to give your tithes and offerings through electronic giving. **Sign up by Jun. 30 and you could win a \$50 gift card!** Authorization forms are available in the Social Hall, the church office, or visit [www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving%20Form%202017.pdf](http://www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving%20Form%202017.pdf).

**Sunday Morning Bible Studies:** Pastor Kurt's Bible Study is in the Multi-purpose room at 9:30am. Ben Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study is also at 9:30am in the 5/6 grade class room.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** You are invited to a special St. John's Lutheran Church & School worship service next Sun., Jun. 9, at 10:30am. We will be honoring our 8th grade students as well as having a special recognition for Mrs. Tracy Wood who is leaving her teaching position at St. John's after 19 years of teaching. Please plan on staying for a continental breakfast reception following the service.

**St. John's VBS** is set for Mon., Jun. 17-Thur., Jun. 20. At Miraculous Mission VBS, your children will look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover God's miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world. Dinner @ 5:30pm, Registration @ 5:40pm, Lift Off @ 6:00pm. Registration forms are available on several bulletin boards at St. John's or by visiting here: <http://www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Registration%20Form%20for%20website.pdf>.

**St. John's Church Office Summer Hours:** During the entire month of July and the first week of Aug., the church office will be open Mon. – Thur., 9:00am-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.

**St. John's Student Showcase 2019** is Wed., Jun. 5 at 10:00am. Don't miss the opportunity to see our students share their God given talents at our closing chapel service. Individual and classroom talents will be featured, including track meet results.

**Help support Ben Bosch** as he enters into the Specific Ministry Program to serve as a Pastor of Discipleship here at St. John's by using the special envelopes from the narthex. You can also give through the GivePlus app; via our website: [www.st-johns-lutheran.com/church/donate](http://www.st-johns-lutheran.com/church/donate); or you can text a donation to (616) 773-2215. (Contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or [office@silcs.org](mailto:office@silcs.org) if you need help with these giving options. ☺) Please continue to keep Ben and the ongoing ministry of St. John's in your prayers.

**Ladies Aid Rummage Sale** is Fri., Jun. 28 - Sat., Jun. 29. Start saving your treasures - please no large appliances. Donations should be clean and in good condition and may be delivered beginning at 4:00pm on Wed., Jun. 26, until 8:00pm, and again on Thur. morning, Jun. 27. Sign up on the back of your Connect Card to help with setup and take down.

**Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing:** Time to sharpen your golf skills so you can play in the upcoming **Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing** to benefit St. John's Lutheran School on **Sun., Sept. 15**, at **Pigeon Creek Golf Course**. This is a four-person scramble with a 1:30pm Shotgun Start. Lunch will be provided. There will be fun, fellowship and prizes! Don't miss this FUNdraiser put on by the School Board and sponsored by **Preferred Ford**.

**Roof Renovations:** St. John's Lutheran Church moved from Washington St. to our current location in 1949. A lot has changed in the last 70 years; however, the roof of the old church (which is now the location of our daycare) has never been replaced. Unfortunately we have to do some extra work to remove some asbestos before replacing the roof. We have scheduled the roof repair for the week of June 10. The cost of this project is approximately \$39,000. The board of trustees has used \$12,600 of dedicated accounts for this project. PTL has generously given \$10,000 towards the project. We are asking for help from you for the rest, approximately \$16,400. If you are able, please consider a gift marked "roof".

**Please note:** Because the replacement of the roof over the day care area of our school includes the removal of asbestos in the outer perimeter of the roof (**there is no asbestos in the interior of the building**), as a precaution, the church (and school) will be closed Jun. 10-11. (The school building will continue to stay closed until Mon., Jun. 17.)

**Did You Know Our Very Own Kyle Brooky Has Authored Two Books?** Both Abandoned Michigan and Abandoned Detroit are sold locally at The Bookman (715 Washington Ave., GH). On Sat., Jun. 15 at 1:00pm, Kyle will be at The Bookman. Let's show our support for this talented member of St. John's by stopping by to hear him speak and see a slide presentation about his books. Any questions, please call The Bookman at (616) 846-3520.



**J-Team:** The fundraising team for the Jamaican Mission trip would like to thank the congregation for their wonderful response to our car wash/detailing event. We were able to raise over \$1,500 towards our \$20,000 overall goal. Thank you! You can also give through the GivePlus app; or text a donation to (616) 773-2215; or you can give via our website: [www.st-johns-lutheran.com/church/donate](http://www.st-johns-lutheran.com/church/donate). Watch the progress "bricks" on the bulletin board display stack up as we raise funds!

- Our next fundraiser is our **Church Picnic** on Sun., Jun. 23 at Rycenga Park in Spring Lake, where we've reserved pavilions. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$15 for adults (children under 12 are free). We'll have a Jamaican themed menu, games for the kids, and music provided by our local steel drum band. Bring your lawn chairs for socializing afterwards, or watching the Cornhole Tournament.
- **The Cornhole Tournament** will be a double elimination tournament with 16, 2-person teams competing. Interested persons can sign up now (\$10 to participate) where the Church Picnic tickets are being distributed. First come, first served until we have 32 persons competing. Children must be at least 12 to participate as they need to be able to semi-accurately toss the bag the regulated 27 feet. Modest prizes provided to the top two places, but being a fundraiser, the biggest prize will simply be bragging rights!

**We need cornhole game sets!! Please let Richard or Sharon Rothe know if you have one we could borrow for the day.**

- **Jamaican Flags** are still available for a minimum gift of \$1. We would like to be able to take full advantage of the matching gift we have of \$750. Expect to see those already purchased adorning our Social Hall soon. Magnum Coffee is also still available for \$10 bag.
- **Save the Date!** Another future event is a **Euchre Tournament** set for Fri., Aug. 16. More details will be provided as the date approaches, but if you like to play euchre, this is the event for you. Please invite your card-playing friends. We would love to have them join us.

Please continue to prayer for the team members preparing for this trip (safe travels, health, productivity, opportunities to minister and witness, etc. )

Our next **J-Team Work Group meeting** is next Sun., Jun. 9 in between church services. Please feel free to show up or ask Cheryl Thomas about this meeting. It is a fun group! 😊

**Red Letter Challenge Help Wanted:** Facilitators are needed for the Sunday Morning Bible Studies that are going to accompany the Red Letter Challenge in Sept. Candidates can be young or more experienced, male or female, and do not need to know all the answers. They just need to be willing to facilitate the Bible study and recruit members for it. We need twenty people. If interested, please check the appropriate box on the back of your Connect Card or see Craig Kaschube or Richard Rothe.