



June 8/9, 2019
The Weekend of Pentecost



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... Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, and John 14:23-31. Pastor Kurt's message is entitled "**Hey, Church! Let Your Light Shine!**". It's based on **Acts 2:1-21**.

Prayer before worship: *"Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of your grace, and that they may truly please you, pour on them the continual dew of your blessing; 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.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – June 9 – 15, 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
June Topic: *Mormonism*
9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5th/6th grade classroom
9:30am J Team Work group meeting in the church basement
10:30am Contemporary Worship – 8th grade Graduation
11:30am Graduation Reception/Brunch
- MON. **Church and School buildings are closed!**
7:00pm PPC to meet at the Parsonage
- TUE. **Church and School buildings are closed!**
- WED. **School building is closed!**
11:30am Recorders
1:00pm Church Staff meeting
- THUR. **School building is closed!**
7:15pm Praise Team practice
- FRI. **School building is closed!**
Pastor Kurt's day off
- SAT. 5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For June 8/9

Elders: Joey Wade
Chuck Hasseldahl

For June 15/16

Elders: Scott Taylor
Craig Montgomery

Lectors:

5:00 Peggy Mandrick

8:15 Michael Kuras

10:30 Karen Lange

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:

TAYLOR, Roxana	06/10
ISABEL, Priscilla	06/11
SHOEMAKER, Elizabeth	06/11
YOUNG, Ron	06/11
HOFFMAN, Leona	06/12
RASCHE, Doug	06/12
TOLLIVER, Amy	06/12
NAGEL, Jill	06/13
HARVEY, Jerry	06/14
BATKA, Emily	06/15
DOUGLAS, Adrian	06/15
O'SHAUGHNESSY, Barb	06/15
WESTEDT, Terry	06/15

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

BEHM, Ken & Connie (47)	06/10
PEETS, Brian & Shelley (25)	06/11
KOLBERG, Doug & Debbie (38)	06/13

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"God's Word resonates loudly the truth that EVERY life is a human being, SOMEONE created by GOD, and redeemed by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and called into a relationship with God by the Holy Spirit. As Gospel-motivated voices for life, we MUST do our research, measure it against God's plumb line, and speak up to expose the lies and proclaim the truth—God's VOICE of TRUTH!" *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life* •

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For our 8th grade grads – **Emily Batka, Adrian Douglas, Parker Hayward, Zachary Lans, Nicholas Taylor, Abbey Turner**. For **Tracy Wood** who is leaving her teaching position at St. John's after 19 years. For **Andrew Uthe**, our Spring Lake High School graduate, and **Travis**

Williamson, our Grand Haven High School graduate.

Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Charlotte Munch**, as her memorial service was this weekend.

Prayer Requests:

For **Daniel & Marva Spitters'** 19 year old neighbor, **Connor Burke**, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

For **Andy Vink's** safety as he travels to India for a few weeks.

For **Celeste, Bert, and Elanea**, friends of **Tim Wood**, who all have brain tumors.

For **Lauren**, for strength to deal with her cancer that is spreading.

For **Karla** for answers after her recent appointment at U of M.

For **Bill**, kidney issues; **Don, Olivia, Al & Mary**, cancer issues.

For **Kathy M.** and **Mary**, who both were just diagnosed with cancer.

For **JD**, waiting to hear about a job.

Praising the Lord for safe travels for **Ryan Montgomery** and the **Boeve** family.

For **Angie Ankerson's** friend, **Ronna**, who is dealing with family problems.

For **Rick Suddeath** and family as they thank the Lord for their new home.

For **Hadleigh Geerlings**, recently hospitalized.

For **Barb Maschewske**, hospitalized at Mercy.

For **Seth Tullock** (and his parents, **Kim & Clarence**), hospitalized at Butterworth.

For 19 year old **Shawna** who has to undergo chemo for ovarian cancer. She is the daughter of **Ron Young's** coworker.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 53; Sun.: 8:15 – 70, 10:30 – 128; **Total: 251**

(Weekly worship attendance goal is 300!)

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$21,516.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received \$18,939.80

Also received for: Capital Improvement \$74.50, God's Pantry \$75, Math Curriculum \$1,000, Church Worker Scholarship \$100, Pentecost Flowers \$90, Jamaica \$932

Simply Giving (online giving) totals for May: General Fund: \$11,963, Building: \$632, Missions: \$100, Jamaica: \$500, School: \$285, Pastor Call (Ben) \$520, Help offset fees \$14.99, Text giving \$2,109.99 **TOTAL:** \$14,014.99

Simply Giving Challenge! Please consider giving your tithes and offerings through electronic giving. **Sign up by Jun. 30 and you could win a \$50 gift card!** Pick up an authorization form in the Social Hall, the church office, or visit www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving%20Form%202017.pdf.

Memorials

In memory of Charlotte Munch to the General Fund by Jim & Greer Munch.

In memory of Gilbert Reinkensmeyer to God's Pantry by Karen Shields

In memory of Tammy Schmidt to the Day School by Karen Shields

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Brian & Shelley Peets** in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

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

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 next Sun. Drop off size 4,5,6 and pullup diapers in the Social Hall.

St. John's VBS is Mon., Jun. 17-Thur., Jun. 20. At Miraculous Mission VBS, your children will look into the Bible and discover God's miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world. Dinner @ 5:30pm, Registration @ 5:40pm, Lift Off @ 6:00pm. **Snack donations needed:** Please look for the VBS display in the Social Hall. Grab a star and bring the item to the church office by Jun. 17. Registration forms available on several bulletin boards or here: www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Registration%20Form%20for%20website.pdf.

St. John's Church Office Summer Hours: Jul. 1 – Aug. 2, the church office will be open Mon. – Thur., 9:00am-3:00pm. If you have a pastoral need when the office is closed, call Pastor Kurt at (414) 736-1772 or Craig Kaschube at (616) 405-5514.

You Can Sponsor Altar Flowers in memory, in thanksgiving, other special occasions, or as a way to show your thanks and praise to God and to beautify our sanctuary. The cost is \$50, with envelopes available next to the flower chart in the narthex.

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; or you can text a donation to (616) 773-2215. (Contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@sjlcs.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**.

Active Shooter Training Seminar: All are welcome to attend the Active Shooter Training Seminar presented by the Muskegon Police Department on Sat., Jun. 22 at 10:00am at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1215 E Apple Ave., Muskegon).

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: Our Church Picnic & Cornhole Tournament is two weeks from today (Sun., Jun. 23) at Rycenga Park (SL). **Tickets are available now** in the Social Hall and are \$15 (suggested donation) 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, Steel Doin' It. Bring your lawn chairs for socializing afterwards or for watching the cornhole tournament. The picnic will go on-rain or shine, because we have a covered shelter. The cornhole tournament will have to be cancelled in the event of rain (all registration fees will be refunded).

The Cornhole Tournament is a double elimination tournament with 16, 2-person teams competing. Interested persons can sign up now (\$10 to participate). First come, first served until we have 32 persons competing. Children must be at least 12 to participate. Modest prizes provided to the top two places – the biggest prize will simply be bragging rights!

Jamaican Flags are still available for a \$1. We would like to be able to take full advantage of the matching gift of \$750.

Magnum Coffee is still available for \$10 bag.

Euchre Tournament is 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!

You can also give through the GivePlus app; or text a donation to (616) 773-2215; or you can give via www.st-johns-lutheran.com/church/donate.

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

Our next **J-Team Work Group meeting** is this 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.

Thank you so much for all of the support and prayers while I was abroad in Denmark. My family would tell me that everyone was asking how I was doing and praying for me. Simply knowing of that support gave me the energy and confidence to continue to expand my boundaries and explore the world. This truly was a blessed semester and if I had the chance, I would thank each and every one of you personally. Not only was I able to experience European living, but I also engaged in a Danish church, dove into Bible studies, and became friends with a bunch of people from around the globe. Yet as nice as it is was to be abroad, it certainly is wonderful to be home. Thank you all and God bless!
Sincerely, Ryan Montgomery