

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

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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



**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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



March 3/4, 2018

The Third Weekend in Lent

St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

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

**This Weekend's lessons are found in...**Exodus 20:1–17, 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 and John 2:13–22. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled: "**Offensive Zeal**", and it's based on **John 2:16-21**.

**Prayer before worship:** *"Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that you look upon us in mercy and renew us by your Holy Spirit; keep safe our going out and coming in and let your blessing remain with us throughout this day; preserve us in your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus; through whom be glory and praise to you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever."*

**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 – March 4 – 10, 2018

## Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Pastor led Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room in the church basement
	9:30am	Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade Classroom
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
	2:30pm	Oak Crest Worship
MON.	9:00am	Prayer Shawl meeting
	10:00am	Quilters in the church basement
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	All boards meet
TUE.	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	10:00am	Faith at Home meeting
	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am	Chapel
	1:15pm	Church Staff meeting
	5:45pm	JuBELLation Ringers
	7:00pm	Lenten Worship
	8:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	5:00pm	Worship

## Stewards

### For the weekend Mar. 3/4

**Elders:** Al Lutz

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Matthew Uthe

**8:15** Cafie & Jacob Vossekuil

**10:30** Alex & Emily Batka

**7:00** Dorian Cipolla

**(Wed Lenten)**

**Lectors:**

**7:00** Dominic Cipolla

**(Wed Lenten)**

### For the weekend Mar. 10/11

**Elders:** Chuck Hasseldahl

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Molly & Penny Williams

**8:15** Hudson Shake

**10:30** Tiffanie Fase

**7:00** Aysia Dress

**(Wed Lenten)**

**Lectors:**

**7:00** Vossekuil family

**(Wed Lenten)**

### March Altar Guild:

Connie Behm (616) 842-6518



## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

PIRROTTA, S Andrew	03/05
MASCHEWSKE, Barbara	03/06
NADORT, Rose	03/06
KLAUS, Mike	03/07
OTT, Fred	03/07
BUEHLER, Peg	03/08
VAN ALLSBURG, Cathie	03/08
HILTON, Bob	03/09
PEETS, Brian	03/09
DORN, Alfred	03/10
GANNON III, Joseph	03/10
SHUMAKER, Jennifer	03/10

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

MARTON, Ken & Kathleen (37)	03/07
RASCHE, Doug & Becky (17)	03/10

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to 'deliver us from evil.' We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a 'right.' May God have mercy on us." *Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

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

### Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Dale Cooper** who passed away on February 12, 2018. He is the stepson of **Ruth Cooper**. For the family of **Doris Ralya**, mother of **Dwight (Karen) Ralya**, as she passed away on February 21, 2018. For the family of **Sharon Williams**, sister of **Jim (Lori) Williams**, as she recently passed away.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For **Ezekiel James Jerovsek-Goldberg**, who will be baptized at our 5:00pm worship service. He is the son of **Antonio Goldberg & Kaylee Jerovsek**, grandson of **Laurie Jerovsek**, great grandson of **Nancy Jerovsek**.

### Prayers for Supplication:

For **Ross Kittleman, Teresa Taylor**, and **Louis Johnson**, being treated for cancer. For **Sally Robar** recovering from back surgery. She is the mother of **Joyce (Bob) Carlson**. For **Phyllis Hargrave** under hospice care. She is the mother of **Jim (Kelley) Hargrave**.

### Prayer Requests from Connect Cards:

For **Dwight & Karen Ralya** in the loss of Dwight's mother, **Doris Ralya**.

Continued prayers for **Karen Shields'** friend having radiation.

For **Mike & Bonnie Arens'** sister-in-laws: **Cindy Arens**, suffering from brain cancer and **Denise Arens**, undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

For **Ruth MacKellar**, mother of **David MacKellar**, undergoing chemotherapy.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Dennis Johnson** going to his eternal home and for the wonderful funeral service **Pastor Kurt** did for him and all the wonderful friends and relatives who attended.

Continued prayers for **Teresa Taylor**.

### Other Prayers:

For **Lenore Kieft** and the rest of the Medical Mission team that will leave for Nicaragua on March 8. Pray that souls will be won for Christ, that health may be improved by the care given, and that the team will be kept safe.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Sat.: 5:00 – 56, Sun.: 8:15 – 75, 10:30 – 114; Lenten Wed. – 183 **Total: 428**

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

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

**General Fund Gifts Received:** \$22,836.08

**Also received for:** BUTC \$444.50, God's Pantry \$100, Financial Freedom \$10, Debt Reduction \$100, Project Hope \$1,775

#### Memorials

In memory of **Dennis Johnson** to the General Fund by Darnell & Nancy Pringnitz

**101 Ways to Love Your Wife:** Do the Laundry – Gather all the dirty clothes and separate the light colors from the dark colors. Read the instructions on the laundry detergent and wash all the dirty clothes. After drying, fold them and put them away. Not only will you be a great help, but your eyes will be opened to the type of things your wife does that go unnoticed. Thank her and consider helping her from now on with this responsibility.

**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:** Boxed potatoes, pancake mix, syrup syrup – we will be collecting food through March for Easter food baskets.

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

**Plan to join Pastor Kurt** for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am as he leads us through a study on various denominations of the Christian Church. Denominations that we will look at include the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Calvinist, Baptist, and Methodist branches of Christianity. Don't miss it! **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

**Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** reconvenes this Sun., Mar. 4, when we'll begin our study on the Sacraments beginning with Holy Baptism.

**It's time to order Easter flowers** to help beautify our sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Flowers are **\$8** for lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. Sign-up/payment envelopes are posted on bulletin boards throughout the church. Make checks out to St. John's and put completed envelopes in the offering plate. Orders are due by this Fri., **Mar. 9**. Flowers can be taken home after Easter services and/or must be picked up by Apr. 4.

**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. **This is the last weekend that you can signup!** Contact Alex Montgomery (616) 638-2504 or [alex.montgomery88@gmail.com](mailto:alex.montgomery88@gmail.com) for more info.

**Midweek Lenten services** continue every Wed. at 7:00pm. Please join us! If you are unable to attend in the evening, you can join our students in chapel at 10:00am each Wed.

**New Men's Bible Study:** It's not too late to join the new morning Bible Study for men on Tue., 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. Facilitated by Pastor Kurt and/or Craig Kaschube.

**Church Treasurer:** Our church Treasurer, Edna Duer, has asked to retire after 7+ years. 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 indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Edna Duer, at (616) 402-9648 or [duerdued@gmail.com](mailto:duerdued@gmail.com), or Harry Schmidt at (616) 846-2648 or [hcschmidt@att.net](mailto:hcschmidt@att.net), or Pastor Kurt.

**"Michigan Awesome" Auction** 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 until Mar. 15. Donations are due by Mar. 9. Interested in donating or have questions, call or text Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

### **LWML Lakeshore Zone Spring Rally:**

Ladies! Join us for "The Lord's Unfailing Love," the LWML Lakeshore Zone Spring Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Holland on Sat., Apr. 21, 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 8:30am. Guest speaker, Christel Neuendorf, deaconess and missionary, will share her stories of God's unfailing love in her life. Registration is \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth (ages 10-15). This includes brunch. Please bring non-perishable foods for the Harvest Stand. (No beans or tomato soup.) Contact Helen Travis at [helentravis@charter.net](mailto:helentravis@charter.net) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**St. John's VBS:** Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help with VBS this summer. The material is ordered and the dates are set for Jul. 16-20. We are having an informational meeting on Sun., Mar. 18 at 9:30am in Tracy Wood's classroom. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like to join us. Carol Shake [cishake@yahoo.com](mailto:cishake@yahoo.com)

### **Items Needed for March 8 Nicaragua**

**Medical Mission Trip:** Thank you to the many people who have helped provide the team with the items we bring to meet our patients' various needs as well as their medical needs. One thing we find is a need for pants for little boys between the ages of 2 and 12. Any gently worn shorts, jeans or slacks would be greatly appreciated. Although time before this trip is limited, the team goes twice a year so there are other opportunities to bring them. There is a red container in the foyer with "Nicaragua" on the lid. Please bring donations to church by Wed., Mar. 7. Thank you. Lenore Kieft

**A Calling for all Women (young, old and in between) of St. Johns:** The Altar Guild of St. Johns' is in need of your help. Our job is simple but important - To care for the altar (candles, linens and flowers). We clean the silver, fill candles, change linens (if needed), pick up and place flowers on the stands. Please prayerfully consider joining us women of the Altar Guild. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like to join us or call Joyce Carlson at (616) 844-4128. (Please leave a message if she doesn't answer.)

**Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries** are being emailed daily. Email us at [office@silcs.org](mailto:office@silcs.org) if you'd like to receive them, too. Don't use email? You can pick up a devotion booklet from the church narthex. Lenten Devotions for Children are also available.

**Camp Restore Mission Trip** is set for Aug. 6-8, 2018. We have 15 spots available. Camp Restore is located at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Detroit and is supported by the MI District-LCMS. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with local Detroiters across a range of community-led volunteer projects. The cost is \$120 per person, and you must be at least 13 years old to attend. Registration materials will be available in the Social Hall on Sun., Mar. 11. Our youth board is giving a \$40 scholarship to any youth that wants to attend. Registration forms and a \$20 deposit (write check to St. John's) can be submitted to Craig Kaschube (first-come first served). Indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Craig at [ckaschube@silcs.org](mailto:ckaschube@silcs.org) or (616) 842-4510 for more information.

**The 2019 High School LCMS National Youth Gathering** will be held Jul. 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. There will be an informational meeting on Sun., Mar. 11 at 9:45am in the youth room. The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth participants between the ages of 14 to 2019 12th grade high school graduates. To register for the 2019 Gathering, youth participants must meet ONE of the two following eligibility requirements: 1) Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR 2) Entering his or her ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering. Indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Craig at [ckaschube@silcs.org](mailto:ckaschube@silcs.org) or (616) 842-4510 for more information.

**CEF and You Make a Difference:** When you invest with the Church Extension Fund (CEF), you invest in another LCMS organization's ability to spread the Word of Jesus Christ. CEF offers your investment dollars as low-cost loans to congregations and schools for building needs so that the preaching of the Word continues. Today, CEF is offering very attractive rates on all of its investments for individuals and organizations. Call (800) 242-3944 or visit [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) for more information.

**Movie Night:** Lakeshore Fellowship's Events Team invites you to a private showing of **I Can Only Imagine** at the Muskegon Carousel Cinema on Sun., Mar. 18 at 4:50pm. (Otherwise you'll have to drive to Grand Rapids to see it.) You must contact Lakeshore no later than Mar. 9 to let them know you'd like to go and then pay for your tickets (at Lakeshore) by Mar. 11. Cost is \$6 per person. Any questions, call (616) 846-8556.