

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Youth & Family Life Director Craig Kaschube

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

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 15th of the month.

Please email announcements to office@slcs.org.



March 10/11, 2018

The Fourth 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...Numbers 21:4–9, Ephesians 2:1–10 and John 3:14–21. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled: **"Those Fiery Serpents"**, and it's based on **Numbers 21:4-9**.

Prayer before worship: *"Merciful God, we humbly implore you to cast the bright beams of your light upon your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; 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.

For the Safety of Our Worshipers

For the safety of our worshipers, we ask that you please review the following:

Make yourself aware of all available exits. Exits can be accessed via all doors of our sanctuary (front and back).

In the event of a tornado or tornado warning, please move to our church basement which can be accessed via the stairs in the back of the church near the glass doors, or the stairs which can be accessed via either exit in the front of our sanctuary. For those who have difficulty with stairs, please proceed to one of the school bathrooms, the bathroom located in the back of the church, or allow others to assist you to the basement.

In the event of a fire, please use the nearest exit to vacate the building. Exits can be accessed via the doors in the front or the back of our sanctuary. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

In the event that someone seeks to inflict physical harm, take cover. When you feel you are able to safely vacate the building, immediately do so using the nearest exit and proceed to a safe location. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

For emergency medical needs, **an AED (defibrillator) and emergency phone are located in the lobby by the parking lot entranceway.**

While we pray that we never have to enact any of these plans, our hope is that this allow you to be prepared. We also encourage you to let our elders or pastor know if you feel there is a potential threat at any time.

Sermon Notes & Prayers

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – March 11 – 17, 2018

Calendar

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

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| 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 th /6 th grade Classroom |
| | 9:30am | Camp Restore Sign-up |
| | 9:45am | 2019 National Youth Gathering meeting in the Youth Room in the church basement |
| MON. | 10:30am | Contemporary Worship |
| | 10:00am | Quilters in the church basement |
| | 11:30am | Recorders |
| TUE. | 7:00pm | PPC |
| | 7:00pm | Family Matters |
| | 6:30am | Men's Bible Study |
| WED. | 6:30pm | Men's Bible Study |
| | 7:00pm | PTL meeting |
| | 9:30am | Ladies Bible Study |
| THUR. | 10:00am | Chapel |
| | 1:15pm | Church Staff meeting |
| | 5:45pm | JuBELLation Ringers |
| | 7:00pm | Lenten Worship |
| | 8:00pm | Celebration Choir |
| FRI. | 7:15pm | Praise Team |
| SAT. | | Pastor Kurt's day off |
| | 5:00pm | Worship |

Stewards

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:

8:15 Peggy Mandrick

10:30 Rosie Anderson

7:00 Vossekuil family

(Wed Lenten)

For the weekend Mar. 17/18

Elders: Tim Harvey

Acolytes:

5:00 Madeline Fellows

8:15 Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

10:30 Dorian Cipolla

7:00 Samuel Liggett

(Wed Lenten)

Lectors:

7:00 Liggett 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:

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| DANIELS, Megan | 03/11 |
| KROHN, David | 03/11 |
| MILLER, Dick | 03/11 |
| MOODT, Bob | 03/11 |
| COOPER, Randy | 03/12 |
| DRESS, Andria | 03/14 |
| MONTGOMERY, Ryan | 03/14 |
| BATKA, Alexander | 03/16 |
| HARGRAVE, Kelley | 03/16 |
| SIBLEY, Tammy | 03/16 |
| SIBLEY, TJ | 03/16 |
| LOGAN, Jacob | 03/17 |
| WOOD, Tracy | 03/17 |

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

CANAVAN, Bob & Winnie (44) 03/16

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"My heart goes out to those struggling with guilt from the secret sin of abortion—a burden carried by millions. These women and men should not be deprived of the forgiveness Jesus earned for them when they have a repentant heart. We need to speak up and let them know they can have the forgiveness Jesus bought for them through His life, death, and resurrection." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Sally Robar** recovering from back surgery. For **Theresa Richert**, hospitalized.

Prayer Requests from Connect Cards:

Continued prayers for **Teresa Taylor**. For **Nancy Jerovsek**, as she will undergo hip surgery on March 14.

For **Louis Johnson**, receiving chemo. For **Bill Murray** (brother-in-law of **Karen Ralya**), as he suffered a stroke after bypass surgery.

For **Cindy Arens**, as she has stage 3 brain cancer and for **Denise Arens**, undergoing chemo as she is battling breast cancer (sisters-in-law of **Mike & Bonnie Arens**).

Barbara Tripp is thanking God for her grandson's safety as well as all Central Michigan students' safety during last Friday's lock-down.

For **Carol Markiewicz-Gierke**, as she will undergo cataract surgery on March 13 and 27.

For **Steve Tironi** (nephew of **Chuck & Jeanne Schuch**) is in Texas again for sarcoma cancer treatment.

For **Jason Long** (grandson of **Karen Shields**) recovering from ankle surgery.

For **Norma Patton** for good results of tests.

For all, that God will meet our needs.

For **Jim Nelson**, (husband of **Marsha**, a friend of **MaryLinda Kittleman's**) recovering from 4th surgery in 16 days.

Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Ruth MacKeller** as she passed away on March 2. She is the mother of David MacKellar, grandmother of **Amy MacKellar**. For the family of **Phyllis Hargrave** as she passed away on March 3. She is the mother of **Jim (Kelley) Hargrave**, grandmother of **Jennifer (Kelley) Carter** and **Justin Hargrave**.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 81, Sun.: 8:15 – 75, 10:30 – 118; Lenten Wed. – 153 **Total: 427**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$17,516.41

Also received for: BUTC \$233.50, God's Pantry \$1,345, Financial Freedom \$210, Debt Reduction \$4,080, Chapel/Hearts for Jesus \$126.85, Renewal & Replacement \$7,000, Ladies Aid kitchen fund \$1,000, iPads \$1,450, Endowment \$13,234.78, Day School Scholarship \$7,000

Simply Giving (online giving) totals for February: General Fund: \$9,388, Building: \$732, Missions: \$100, School: \$260, TOTAL: \$10,480

Memorials

In memory of **Andy Hass** to God's Pantry by Mark & Diane Howard, Warren & Barb Scholard

In memory of **Dennis Johnson** to the General Fund by Les & Ronda Chapman, James & Sharon VanDyke, Bill & Carol Markiewicz-Gierke

101 Ways to Love Your Husband: Dinner Delight – One day, for no particular reason other than love, prepare his favorite meal, dessert and all. To make it even more special, call him thirty minutes before he is to arrive and let him know that you can't wait until he gets home because you've got a surprise for him. If you can't prepare the meal at home, take him to his favorite restaurant and enjoy dinner together. Use this special time to say loving things to each other.

Midweek Lenten services continue every Wed. at 7:00pm. If you can't attend in the evening, you can join our students in chapel at 10:00am each Wed.

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 we'll look at include the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Calvinist, Baptist, and Methodist branches of Christianity. You can also join **Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** on the Sacraments. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

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. **In need of an Easter Food Box?** Please contact Marlene Guske at (616) 842-6879. **Pantry needs for Easter Food boxes:** Baked beans, boxed potatoes, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, brownie mixes –will be collected through Mar. 26 for Easter food boxes. **Baby Bottles:** Please place filled baby bottles for the Pregnancy Center in the basket in the Social Hall. A big thank you to those who have already done so!

Church Treasurer Needed: An accounting/computer skill set is a must; training provided. Much of the work is done electronically and includes oversight of the church budget, monthly/quarterly cash flows, and monthly reports to PPC. (Our bookkeeper completes daily input and bill paying.) If interested, please indicate on the back of your Connect Card.

Adult Bible Studies: Just in and new to our library Connected to Christ - Why Membership Matters from CPH. This study is in easy to read book form, which is ideal for individual or group study, presents the biblical reasoning for why church membership is a crucial aspect of Christianity. Every believer - regardless of one's gender, ethnicity, economic class, political party, or level of education - is part of the Church. Two other studies in our library that are very good for family or group study are Is there really a God? (helps Christians to be able to defend their faith, beginning with the very first verse of the Bible) and Why is there Death and Suffering? (asks and answers the question Why do we see so much death and suffering in this world if there is an all-powerful, loving God?), both are from Answers in Genesis. Please take a look at all of these studies.

"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. For more information, call or text Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

Where can your children experience Christian growth while swimming, canoeing, shooting archery, riding horses, and zip-lining? At Camp Concordia! Early Registration discount available through Mar. 31. Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp changes kids! For more info, visit www.campconcordia.org or call the camp office at (616) 754-3785.

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. Contact Helen Travis at 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

Camp Restore Mission Trip is set for Aug. 6-8, 2018. We have 15 spots available. Camp Restore, located at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Detroit, is supported by the MI District-LCMS. Volunteers will 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 available in the Social Hall this 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. Indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you'd like to join us or contact Craig at ckaschube@sjlcs.org.

The 2019 High School LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held Jul. 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. There will be an informational meeting this Sun., Mar. 11 at 9:45am in the youth room. The LCMS Youth Gathering's primary focus is for youth between the ages of 14 to 2019 12th grade high school graduates. To register for the Gathering, participants must meet ONE of these two 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@sjlcs.org or (616) 842-4510 for more information.



2017 Offering Statements & 2018 Offering Envelopes: Attention St. John's members – please pick up your offering statements and envelopes from the Narthex. These will not be mailed out.

Free Movie: St. Luke Lutheran Church (11261 South Street Nunica) invites you to our showing of the movie WONDER on Sat., Mar. 24. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie Pullman becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. Doors open at 4:30pm with a free supper offered. The movie begins at 5:30pm. Popcorn and pop will also be provided. This is a free and family-friendly event. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2018 Lutheran Adult Gathering on Oct. 12-14 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Proclaiming the Caring Creator...The psalmist says, "I will proclaim Your great deeds" (Psalm 145:6). Do you feel confident and equipped to share your faith in your everyday conversations with friends, families, and neighbors? With this question in mind, this Gathering has been crafted to provide practical help for proclaiming the Caring Creator and His great deeds with people today. Visit www.michigandistrict.org/events/luthera-n-adult-gathering-2018 for more info and/or to register.

Save the Date! Sun., May 20, 2018 following the 10:30am service we will celebrate all of our new members received at St. Johns since the last banquet (held in April 2017)!
Please plan to attend!