



May 4/5, 2019  
The Third 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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Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey

Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn

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 9:1-22, Revelation 5:8-14, and John 21:1-19. Pastor Kurt's message is entitled "**Do You Love Him?**", and it's based on **John 21:15-19**.

**Prayer before worship:** *"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, of your tender love towards us sinners you have given us your Son that, believing in him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and come to life everlasting; 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. 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 – May 5 – 11, 2019

## Calendar

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

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Pastor Kurt's Bible Study is cancelled for today  
9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom  
9:30am Sunday School in the church basement  
9:30am Youth Bible Study in the church basement  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
12:00pm Debbie Kolberg's retirement Luncheon  
4:00pm Girl Scout meeting
- MON. 10:00am Quilters in the Church Basement  
11:00am Scoops fundraiser (16830 Robbins Rd., GH)  
11:30am Recorders  
7:00pm All boards meet
- TUE. 6:30am Men's Bible Study  
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- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 Chapel  
6:00pm Celebration Choir practice
- THUR. 6:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:15pm Praise Team practice
- FRI. Pastor Kurt's day off
- SAT. 5:00pm Worship

### Stewards

#### For May 4/5

**Elders:** Bill Schmidt  
Scott Taylor

#### Acolytes:

**5:00** Avery & JJ Parylak  
**8:15** Hudson Shake  
**10:30** Abbey Turner

#### For May 11/12

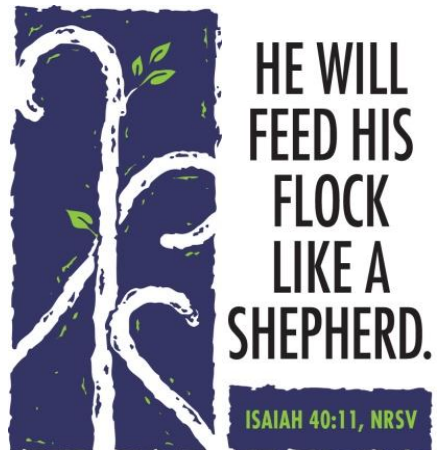
**Elders:** Craig Montgomery  
Gene Hasenbank

#### Acolytes:

**5:00** Adrian & Alex Douglas  
**8:15** Catie & Jacob Vossekul  
**10:30** Emily & Alex Batka

#### May Altar Guild:

Debbie Luytjes (616) 846-9486  
Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



# St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

## Those Celebrating Birthdays:

PIERCE, Carson	05/05
APOSTLE, Kathryn	05/08
PARISE, Veronica	05/08
SPINK, Connie	05/08
DORA, Mickey	05/09
MALINSKY, Lee	05/09
RALYA, Karen	05/09
RICHERT JR., Ora	05/09
ASPINALL, Stuart	05/10
DEPHOUSE, Ethan	05/11
MILLER, Kimberly	05/11
VINK, Annalise	05/11

## Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

YOUNG, Ron & Patsy Kelly (58)	05/05
ROTHER, Richard & Sharon (41)	05/06
THOM, Craig & Brenda (15)	05/08
WILLIAMS, Norman & Jan (11)	05/11

## Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Whoa. What a cool thought! Before your parents ever laid eyes on you, before they fought over whether to name you John Jr. or Steven, God knew your name and He wanted you as his. In fact, it goes back further than you think. Before God even created the very first parents, He knew you were coming someday and He chose you, specifically you, for his team." *Diane Kerr, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

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## Prayers of Thanksgiving:

We thank God for **Debbie Kolberg** and her commitment to teach the Word of God for 42 years as an Elementary Teacher at St. John's Lutheran School.

## Prayer Requests:

Continued prayers for **Bill Smith**.

For **Olivia, Mary** and **Al**, fighting cancer; **Bill**, kidney issues; **Karla**, future U of M appointments.

Please Lord guide and protect the **Suddeath family** as they are in the process of buying a home.

**Carol Markiewicz Gierke's** surgery went very well. Prayers for continued healing appreciated.

For **Tim (Laura) Harvey's** mom, **Jo Harvey**, recovering from surgery.

### A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

**Directions:** To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

7+6 strength	9+1 shepherd	30-5 she	7+5 ends	50-26 live
21-10 will	27-20 reach	10+7 flock	40-20 stand	15+1 security
35-31 Lord	17-3 greatness	10-3 earth	10-5 will	5+1 will

"He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 17  
 in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .... And they \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 24  
 \_\_\_\_\_, for then \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_"

MICAH 5:4, NIV

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord .... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Sat.: 5:00 – 56; Sun.: 8:15 – 70, 10:30 – 116; National Day of Prayer – 20; **Total: 262**  
(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 \$18,259.50**

**Also received for:** Capital Improvement \$394, God's Pantry \$150, Ladies Aid \$50, Playground \$1,000, Financial Freedom \$50, Jamaica Mission \$402, Chapel \$184.80, Roof \$100, Chrome Books \$15, Security System \$10, Math Curriculum \$1,100, Church Worker Scholarship \$345

#### Honorarium

**In honor of Samuel Ohlendorf's Confirmation** to the Security System by Nick & Janice Korstange

#### Memorials

**In memory of Rose Nadort** to the General Fund by Ken & Connie Behm, Agnes Daniels, Ladies Aid; to Ladies Aid by Bob & Rosie Anderson; to Church Worker Scholarship by Bill & Carol Markiewicz Gierke; to God's Pantry by Barb Trip

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Jane Kalavitz** in memory of **John Kalavitz**.

**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.

**Pantry Needs:** Pancake Mix and Syrup

**Sunday School** is offered for students in grades K-4th grade from 9:30-10:15am in the church basement except for **Mother's Day, (May 12), there will not be Children's Sunday School.** If questions, feel free to call Kim Tullock at 847-1637.

**Sunday Morning Bible Studies:** Coffee & cookies will be served in the Social Hall between services this Sun. due to the prep/set-up for Debbie's Kolberg's luncheon. Pastor Kurt's Bible Class will be postponed until next Sun., but Ben Bosch's Bible Study will still be offered at 9:30am in the 5/6 grade class room.

**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.

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Coolest School" Competition** is this Mon., May 6, 11:00am-9:00pm at **Skoop's**. St. John's will receive **10%** of the total sales! **Can't attend?** You can still purchase gift certificates from the school.

**Ladies Aid Rummage Sale** is set for Fri., Jun. 28 and Sat., Jun. 29. Start saving your treasures to donate to the rummage sale. 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. Help is needed with setup and take down.

**J-Team:** Look around the Social Hall and you will see that work is underway for the group from St. John's that is going to Jamaica this Fall



(through the LCMS) for a mission/building project! Besides building, they will share the love of Jesus with those around them. There is a lot to do to get ready and each and every one of you is needed. Around \$20,000 needs to be raised. A group has been meeting to come up with ways to gather these funds to send the team on their way (please see below) and you can now give to the Jamaica Mission Trip through the GivePlus app; you can 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) Thank you in advance and remember all proceeds go toward the mission trip.

Here is how you can help:

1) **J-Team Work Group:** Our next meeting is Tue., May 7 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Please feel free to show up or ask Cheryl Thomas about this meeting. Please consider just coming and providing ideas or giving of your time to assist with one of the activities. It is a fun group ☺

2) **Coffee Sale:** Jamaica Blue Mountain Blend ground coffee (regular and decaf) from Magnum is now on sale for \$10 a bag. Buy a bag or two for yourself and someone you love!

3) **Jamaican Flags:** We've received a matching fund challenge of \$750! Donate at least \$1 and you get a Jamaican flag to hang in the Social Hall. The first \$750 raised will be matched by two generous donors. We are currently at \$35 so we are on our way!

#### 4) **Car Wash and/or Deep Cleaning**

**While-You-Wait:** This event will take place Sat., May 18, 9:00am-3:00pm (rain date is May 19 after church). You can either come when you want to have your car washed for a \$10 minimum donation, OR sign up for a time to have your car deep cleaned while you wait (expect an hour) for a \$75 dollar minimum donation. There are limited spots available for the Deep Cleaning so sign up for an available time at the table where the Coffee is sold. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted for this event.

#### 5) **Picnic & Bags (Cornhole) Tournament:**

The date has been set! This event will take place Sun., Jun. 23 so save the date on your calendar. The picnic will start after church and tickets will cost \$15 per person (children 12 and under are free!). The event will include Jamaican style chicken, sides, desserts, kid games, and the corn hole tournament. Watch for more details including when you can purchase tickets.

6) **Your Prayers:** Of course we need people to be praying for this group (safe travel, health, productivity, opportunities to minister and witness, etc.).

**Thank you** to everyone for all the well wishes, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. It has meant a great deal to me knowing that so many people care and prayed for me while going through this health challenge. Special thanks to Pastor Kurt and Janice for all their support, kindness, prayers, and visits. I am truly thankful and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. May God bless all of you always. Karen Lange

**Celebrate Gospel!** The West Michigan Concert Winds, along with the Gospel Choir and Liturgical Dancers from New Life Christian Center in Muskegon, will be having a concert, Celebrate Gospel! on Sat., May 11, at 7:30pm at the Frauthenal Theater in Muskegon. The concert features old Gospel favorites like Amazing Grace, Procession of the Levites, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus, and others. The concert will have combinations of The Winds only, Choir only, and Choir and The Winds together. Tickets are available at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$2 for children, and \$8 for seniors. Invite your friends or neighbors! If they are unchurched this could give you an opportunity to witness your Faith to them. If you have any questions, please see Richard Rothe, WMCW member.

**Lakeshore Fellowship's Charity Golf Open** is set for Sun., May 19 at 1:00pm at Fruitport Golf Club (6334 Harvey St. Muskegon). Proceeds will benefit local citizens in need through Lakeshore Fellowship Community Outreach, to include Supper House-Muskegon and Household Necessities Pantry. Don't miss this 18 Holes, 4-Person Scramble. Entry fee is \$60 Per Player. Includes dinner, awards, and raffle drawings immediately upon conclusion of play. There is a \$15 dinner only option as well as hole sponsorship opportunities. Please join us for a fun day of golf, food, prizes, and fellowship for a great cause. All are welcome! Please contact Jack DeGelder for more information at [jackdegelder@yahoo.com](mailto:jackdegelder@yahoo.com) or (616) 558-6927.

**Unity Christian Music Festival is Aug. 8-10** at Heritage Landing, Muskegon. (Day Zero on Wed., Aug. 7 is free.) Tenth Avenue North, Rhett Walker Band, Skillet, Sanctus Real, Switchfoot, Citizen Way, Mandisa and Matthew West are just a few of the groups that will be there! Look for the poster and the sign up forms in the Social Hall to purchase three day passes/tickets for a discounted cost. And thanks again to our generous donor. For more info, contact Sue LaLonde at (616) 607-4209 or [suelalonde@charter.net](mailto:suelalonde@charter.net). Ticket sales will run May 1 - 31. [www.unitymusicfestival.com](http://www.unitymusicfestival.com).

**Alpine Europe Trip Informational Meeting:** Pastor Mark & Rita Oswald of Trinity Lutheran Church, Conklin, will be hosting an Alpine Europe trip in July of 2020. The highlight of this tour, which will include visiting parts of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, will be attending the Passion Play of Oberammergau, which is held only every ten years. In order to provide more details for anyone who might be interested in the trip, Pastor Oswald and Rita will be holding an informational meeting at 7:00pm on Tue., May 14. This meeting will be held in the foyer of Trinity's Family Life Center, which is just west of the church and school. You are not making any commitments by attending this meeting - it is for informational purposes only. If you have any questions concerning this, or would like to receive more information about the trip, you can contact Pastor Oswald at (616) 899-2167 or by email at [mark.oswald@tlc-conklin.org](mailto:mark.oswald@tlc-conklin.org).