



JOHN 21:7

May 11/12, 2019
The Fourth 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 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, and John 21:1-14. We welcome guest **Pastor Dennis Lassanske** as he shares his message entitled "**It Is the Lord**". It's based on **John 21:1-14**.

Prayer before worship: *"Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; 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.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – May 12 – 18, 2019

Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Pastor Lassanske's Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 th /6 th grade classroom
	9:30am	Youth Bible Study in the church basement
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
MON.	9:00am	Prayer Shawl meeting
	10:00am	Quilters in the Church Basement
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	PPC
TUE.	6:30am	Men's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00	Chapel
	1:00pm	Church Staff meeting
THUR.	6:30am	Women's Bible Study
	7:15pm	Praise Team practice
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	9:00am	J Team Car Wash
	5:00pm	Worship

Stewards

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

For May 18/19

Elders: Tim Harvey
Al Lutz

Acolytes:

5:00 Jacob Logan
8:15 Brian Boik
10:30 Hannah Taylor

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:

DANIELS, Joseph	05/12
OLSEN, Tracy	05/13
SPINK, Kathryn	05/13
TALARICO, Gregory	05/14
APPOLD, Lucas	05/15
VON TOM, Philip	05/15
HICKS, Daniel	05/16
LAMPINEN, Leo	05/16
ARENS, Michael	05/17
LAMPINEN, Jaxson	05/17
LAMPINEN, Jayson	05/17
SMITH, Alicia	05/17
COOPER, Ruth	05/18

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

ANKERSEN, Cliff & Angie (40)	05/12
VON TOM, Philip & Erin (8)	05/13
BROOKY, Mark & Sherry (37)	05/15
ORTQUIST, Nick & Kelcee (5)	05/16
PALMER, Matt & Heidi Putt (16)	05/17

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"[I]t does not say that the honoring, serving, and obeying one's parents is conditional or in response to their earning or deserving it. No, one is to love and cherish them as well as honoring, serving, and obeying them as if they were God Himself ... The good news is that where we have obviously failed, Jesus did not. He not only honored His step-father Joseph and his mother Mary, but also His heavenly Father. He offers you His payment for your sin and a place in God's family, now and forever." *Pastor Ricky Jacob, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church and preschool, Winnebago – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers for the Grieving:

For **Sandy E.** and family in the loss of their father and grandfather.

Prayer Requests:

For all the college students finishing up their exams, the semester, and for safe travels home.

Continued prayers for **Norma Patton.**

For **Olivia, Al,** and **Mary** who are dealing with cancer; **Karla** going to U of M on May 12, and **Bill** who is dealing with kidney issues.

For **Jeff E.** who is recovering from seizures, and **Jeff D.** in making important decisions ahead.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for **Carol Markiewicz Gierke's** heart ablation and continued healing.

For **Barb Maschewske** that God would grant her healing, strength, and (as she requested) courage to face each day and the challenges that they bring. She was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

For those struggling with mental illness.

For **Pastor Michael Goers** and his family as he recently received a Divine Call to serve as Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Traverse City, and for the members of **St. Matthews** and **Trinity.**

Thank you, Lord, for blessing us far beyond what we deserve.



Mark your calendar for Monday, May 20 for our annual Voter's meeting. We will meet at 7:00pm to approve the budget and other items.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 67; Sun.: 8:15 – 80, 10:30 – 132; **Total: 279**

(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 \$12,339.89

Also received for: Capital Improvement \$205, God's Pantry \$60, Ladies Aid \$25, Church Worker Scholarship \$1,240

Simply Giving (online giving) totals for April: General Fund: \$11,519.18, Building: \$790, Missions: \$125, Jamaica: \$96.80, School: \$315, Pastor Call (Ben) \$125
TOTAL: \$12,970.98

Memorials

In memory of Rose Nadort to the General Fund by Gerald & Marie Jones; to Ladies Aid by Karen Shields; to God's Pantry by Ron & Pat Young

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Joe & Michelle Gannon** in memory of our mom, **Kathie Gannon**.

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 starts today 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 TriCities area. Thank You.

The Family Matters meeting scheduled for Mon., May 20 is cancelled due to a Voter's meeting. Check out the bulletin for the next scheduled meeting. Thanks!

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: Pastor Lassanske'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. **There is no Sunday School this Sunday.**

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@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.

8th Grade Graduation: You are invited to a special St. John's Lutheran Church & School worship service. We will be honoring our 8th grade students and Mrs. Tracy Wood on Sun., Jun. 9 at 10:30am. Please plan on staying for a continental breakfast reception following the service.

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

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 Mon., May 20 at 6:30pm in the basement of the church (before the Voter's meeting). Please feel free to show up or ask Cheryl Thomas about this meeting. 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 \$235 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:**

This event will take place on Sun., Jun. 23 after church at Rycenga Park. Tickets can be purchased May 19 – Jun. 23. The price of admission is a \$15 suggested donation per person (children 12 and under are free!). The event will include Jamaican style chicken, sides, desserts, kid games, and the corn hole tournament. We are looking for a few people who are willing to let us use their corn hole games for that day. If you have one, please let Richard Rothe know.

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

Center for Women in Transition (CWIT)

New Entry Training in May! Are you interested in volunteering with CWIT? New Entry Training begins May 13 - 22 to learn more about their agency and volunteer opportunities. To sign up, visit: <https://cwitmi.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>.

All prospective volunteers are invited and encouraged to complete the training at no cost.



St. John's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School 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. If you register before May 19, we will give you your own Cosmic Waves CD and DVD to explore before liftoff on June 17.

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. Ticket sales will run May 1 - 31. www.unitymusicfestival.com.

Active Shooter Training Seminar: The Muskegon Police Department can provide a class for church attendees explaining what to do should there be an active shooter at church. We need about 50 people to show an interest before it can be scheduled. Please call Elizabeth at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (231) 773-2667 to indicate your interest. The date & time of the seminar will be announced as soon as it is determined.

Spring Cleanup: It is that time of year again for the board of trustees annual spring cleanup. Please bring your gloves, shovels, pruning tools, and wheel barrows on Sat., Jun. 1, 9:00am to noon. Come by when you can and work as long as you can. Hope to see you there.

Alpine Europe Trip Informational Meeting: Pastor Mark & Rita Oswald of Trinity Lutheran, Conklin, are hosting an Alpine Europe trip in July of 2020. The highlight of this tour will be attending the Passion Play of Oberammergau, which is held only every ten years. Pastor Oswald & Rita are holding an informational meeting at 7:00pm on Tue., May 14 in the foyer of Trinity's Family Life Center. 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.

The Reformation 500 is a challenge to congregations and schools to form teams to complete 500 miles (by walking, running, and/or biking) in 5 months and raise money in the process. Each month represents one century since the Reformation occurred in 1517. The Reformation 500 gives MI District members an opportunity to come together to financially benefit congregations and schools while supporting the District's Here We Stand campaign, while enjoying summer physical activities. For more info, visit <https://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/thereformation500>.