

A man's heart  
plans his way,  
but the Lord  
directs his steps.



Proverbs 16:9

October 6/7, 2018  
The Twentieth Weekend After 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... Proverbs 16:1-9, Ephesians 2:4-10 and Luke 5:27-32. Pastor Kurt continues the "**Joining Jesus**" **Sermon Series** this weekend and his message is entitled, "**Rivers and Bridges**". It's based on **Proverbs 16:9**.

**Prayer before worship:** "Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken our hearts that we may never forget your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise you for all your goodness, that we may live in your fear until with all your saints we praise you eternally in your heavenly kingdom; 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** 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 – October 7 – 13, 2018

## 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  
9:30am Sunday School is now meeting in the Church Basement  
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  
2:45pm Girl's BB practice  
7:00pm PPC
- TUE. 6:30am Men's Bible Study  
4:00pm Girl's BB game at Holy Trinity  
6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
10:00am Chapel  
5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers  
6:30pm Confirmation Class  
7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 6:30am Ladies Bible Study  
7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. Pastor Kurt's day off  
2:45pm Girl's BB practice
- SAT. 9:00am Foundations - Pastor Kurt's New Member Class  
5:00pm Worship

### Stewards

#### For the weekend of Oct. 6/7

**Elders:** Tim Harvey

**Lectors:**

**5:00** Tim Harvey

**8:15** Doug Kolberg

**10:30** Laura Harvey

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Adrian & Alex Douglas

**8:15** Hudson Shake & Sean Thom

**10:30** Abbey Turner

#### For the weekend of Oct. 13/14

**Elders:** Daniel Spitters

**Lectors:**

**5:00** Daniel Spitters

**8:15** Michael Kuras

**10:30** Cheryl Thomas

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Aysia Dress

**8:15** Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

**10:30** Emily & Alex Batka

#### October Altar Guild:

Debbie Kolberg (616) 842-7151

Carol Shake (616) 842-9169



## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

BEHM, Ken	10/07
BROOKY, Kyle	10/07
DAVISON, Diann	10/07
HOISINGTON, Kalvin	10/07
HORNER, Tony	10/07
BAGLEY, Brooke	10/08
BAGLEY, Kali	10/08
EICH, Lois	10/08
GRONEVELT, Eva	10/08
VENEKLASSEN, Diane	10/08
GUSKE, Marlene	10/09
PITCHER, Doris	10/09
SPINK, Holly	10/09
ZONDLAK, Maeven	10/09
LIGGETT, Addison	10/10
LIGGETT, Scott	10/10
ORTQUIST, Justyne	10/11
BOIK, Paul	10/12
HATFIELD, Roy	10/12
VOSSEKUIL, Ethan	10/12
SCHULZ, Barbara	10/13

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"It is our faith that compels us to venerate life from its moment of conception. It is by faith that we treat life not as an entitlement or possession but as a steward for the Creator who gives life. Only by faith do we accept that life at its earliest possible moment has culpability for sin before the Divine Judge and benefits from the sacrifice of our Savior." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### Prayers for Supplication:

For **Dave & Rita Scalici's** nephew, hospitalized with a blood disorder. For **Kay Smith**, having surgery on October 8 to remove a cancerous mole.

### Prayers for the Grieving:

For the families of **Bob Carlson, Theresa Richert**, and **Joe Hoitenga**. Bob passed away on September 28, Theresa passed away on September 29, and Joe passed away on October 3. For **Jason (Emily) Logan** and family, as his mother passed away on October 1, 2018.

### Prayers from our Connect Cards:

Continued prayers for **Joan Krueger** and **Teresa Taylor**.

For strength for **Lauren** to get through this difficult time in her life.

For **Bill** - kidney; **Olivia** - lung cancer; **Mary** - cancer; **Chris** - healing.

For safe travels for **Kyle Brooky** to Canada and back this coming week.

For **Jane Vallie**.

For **Michael Kuras'** friend, **Carl**, in rehab recovering from a serious accident.

Thanksgiving for **Ronda Chapman's** good recovery from knee surgery.

For **Cheryl Thomas'** upcoming surgeries on October 3 and 17 to implant a device for pain control.

Praise and thanks to God for peace given to **Mom** at last – the **Young family** is thankful to all for words of comfort and for prayers offered for **Mom's** family.

**Ross Kittleman** thanks all for prayers!

Thank you, Lord, for blessing us all through your mercy.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Sat.: 5:00 – 40, Sun.: 8:15 – 110, 10:30 – 146; **Total: 296**  
(Weekly worship attendance goal for September 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** \$14,196.75  
**Also received for:** Capital Improvement \$439, God's Pantry \$170, Financial Freedom \$100, Hope Project \$100, Confirmation \$65, Under God's Roof \$100, Debt Retirement \$10, Chapel \$99  
**Simply Giving** (online giving) totals for September: General Fund: \$10,168, Building: \$732, Missions: \$100, School: \$280, TOTAL: \$11,280

#### Memorials

**In memory of Earlene Gabalis** to God's Pantry by Arno & Marlene Guske, Dave & Rita Scalici, Clara Klages; to the General Fund by Bill & Patti Kooi, Richard & Sharon Rothe; to Hope Project by Duff & Edna Duer

**In memory of Judith Kippen** to the Day School by Bob & Nancy Held

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Ken & Sue Larson** in honor of **their great parents**.

**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. Our board is now holding our annual coat drive for all school students. The collection box is located in the entry way by the school doors.

**All Are Welcome to Chapel** on Wed., Oct. 17. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel theme is Cover 2 Cover. Join us at 10:00am.

**Sunday Morning Bible Studies:** Plan to join Pastor Kurt, for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am in the Multi-purpose room. (Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study will be on break until Nov. 4.)  
**Urgent Sunday School Update:** Sunday School for preschool-high school is now and will be meeting in the CHURCH BASEMENT from 9:30am-10:15am. **Sorry, childcare is longer available during Bible Study time.**

#### Joining Jesus Servant Saturday is Oct. 27!

Join St. John's at our Community Service & Outreach Day to the community on Sat., Oct. 27, from 8:30am until noon. This event will be in conjunction with Pastor Kurt's sermon series Joining Jesus, and it will be open to all families, young and old alike, and all skill levels. We need experienced painters, people to visit nursing home residents, etc. Signup sheets are now in the Social Hall. You can also sign up on the back of your Connect Card. All opportunities are being sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and Faith At Home. **Right now, we have an urgent need for champions/captains for each of the volunteer opportunities**, who will have the responsibility of being in contact with those in charge at the place we are visiting. For more info or to sign up as a champion/captain, contact Craig Kaschube at [ckaschube@sjlcs.org](mailto:ckaschube@sjlcs.org) or (616) 842-4510 or by indicating on the back of your Connect Card.

**Save Your Family Fare and D&W Receipts** and bring them into St. John's (there is a collection box in the entry way). Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts, we can turn them into a \$1,000 check!

### **M&M (Missions & Ministry) Fundraiser to Benefit LCMS National Youth Gathering**

The M&M stands for "Missions and Ministry," and more important than the money, please pray for our group's trip.

**How Can You Help?** 1) Eat the M&M's 2) Fill the empty container with pocket change 3) Each time you put a quarter in the container, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for those attending the National Youth Gathering 4) **Hand in your container to the church office by Sun., Oct. 14.**



**St. John's Lutheran Day School** has a year-long theme to motivate students, deepen their faith, and to connect God's Word to His kingdom. Our theme is found in Psalm 107:30.

**6th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance** is set for Sat., Oct. 13, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Patrick's Family Center. Don't miss dancing, fun activities, snacks and a super yummy chocolate fountain. \$20 per couple. Tickets are available in St. John's School office. Call (616) 638-6529 for more info.

**Red Cross First Aid/CPR Training** will be offered on Sat., Oct. 20, 8:00am-3:00pm. Cost is \$30 per person. A limited number of spots are available. For more info, please indicate on the back of your Connect Card.

### **Weekend to Remember Feb. 22-24, 2019:**

This weekend is filled with informative group sessions and alone time with your spouse. Find out what over 1.5 million couples worldwide have experienced at FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember®. Join Beth & Craig Kaschube for this incredible weekend. Please let Craig know by Oct. 15 if you and your spouse plan to attend. For more info contact Craig at [ckaschube@silcs.org](mailto:ckaschube@silcs.org).

**Party of Parties:** The Girls of Grace is hosting this annual vendor expo and craft sale fundraiser on Sat., Oct. 27 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church (300 E. Cleveland St., Coopersville) and proceeds will go to support mission projects during the year.

**Ladies Aid Rummage Sale** is Oct. 19 & 20. You can begin dropping off your "treasures" on Wed. Oct 18 after 4:15pm. All proceeds will be used to purchase needed items for the church and school.

**Fall Leaf Roundup at Camp Concordia** is Sat., Nov. 3, 9:00am-5:00pm. Experience a fall work day along the shores of Half-Mile Lake. Get your summer camp ready to hunker down for the winter and be ready for an exciting opening next summer! **Lunch and warm drinks included.** Let us know your are coming via email at [office@campconcordia.org](mailto:office@campconcordia.org) or call (616) 754-3785.



# Joining Jesus Servant Saturday Volunteer Opportunities

<b>Voluntary Opportunity</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Work Time</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Love In Action – Painting the Dental Office	6-8	8:30 AM to Noon	We have committed to paint their working space – so that area must get done. Love in Action will purchase all supplies. If you have any favorite tools, bring them along. Other office space available to paint, too. Painters should be experienced.
Love In Action – Community Garden	6-8 – All Ages	8:30 AM to Noon	Working in Love In Action’s community garden – dependent on weather – will have alternate opportunity if the weather does not cooperate.
Love In Action – Yard Work for their buildings	6-8	8:30 AM to Noon	Performing yard work around Love in Action’s buildings - will have alternate opportunity if the weather does not cooperate.
Habitat for Humanity – opportunity to be determined	No more than 10 volunteers including the captain	8:30 AM to Noon	All volunteers must have online training completed before that Saturday.
World Mission Thrift Store	6-8 volunteers – all ages	8:30 AM to Noon	Volunteers will help out in the store by folding & sorting, etc.
Positive Options	4-6 Adults	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Volunteers will do housecleaning – washing walls, bug spray, office maintenance and perhaps sorting.
Riverside Nursing Home	6-8 volunteers – all ages	10 AM - Noon	Visiting with the residents, playing games, music. Volunteers must stay in the common area of the nursing home or else background checks will have to be done.
Medilodge – Sanctuary at the Shore	6-8 volunteers – all ages	9:30 to Noon	Visiting with the residents, reading books, music, singing, etc.