

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

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

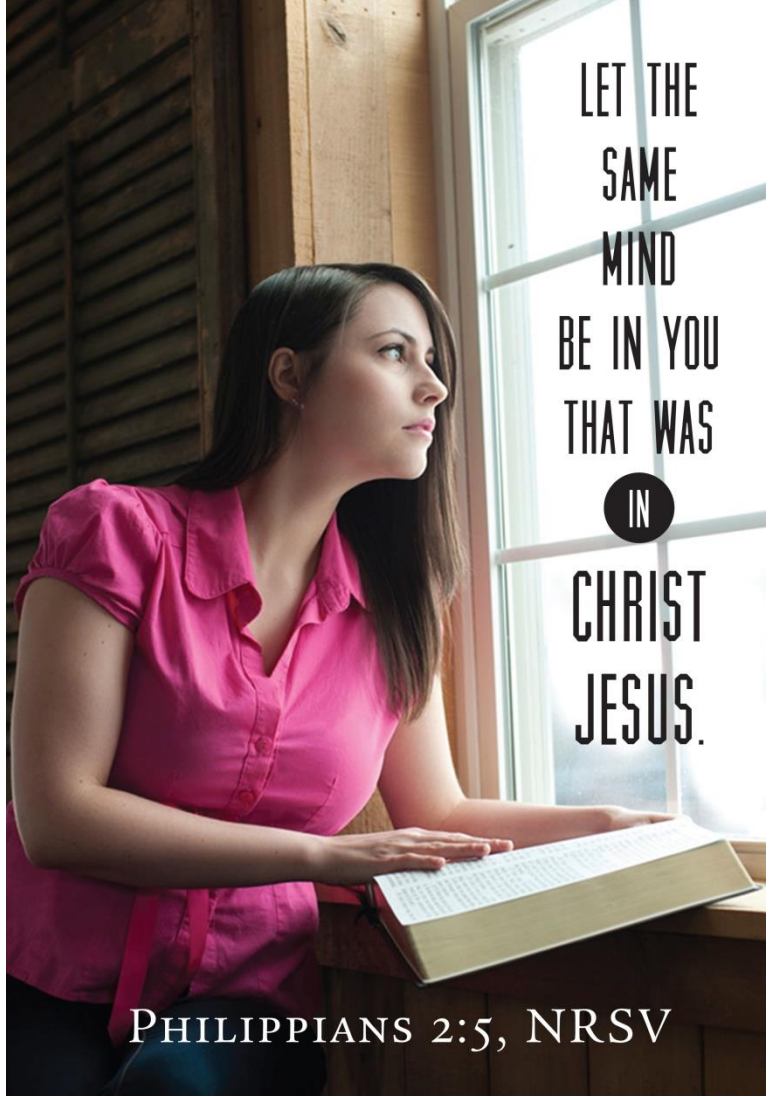
Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



Bulletin deadline: Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. **Newsletter deadline** is the 15th of the month.

Please email announcements to office@slcs.org.

October 7/8, 2017
The Eighteenth Weekend After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI



PHILIPPIANS 2:5, NRSV

LET THE
SAME
MIND
BE IN YOU
THAT WAS
IN
CHRIST
JESUS.

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in...Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 2:1-11, and Mark 9:30-35. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is his **"I Am a Church Member" series "It's Not About Me" (Ch.2-3)**, and it's based on **Philippians 2:3-5**.

Prayer before worship: *"O God, by the patient suffering of your only-begotten Son you have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of his goodness borne for our sake that after his example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; 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.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – October 8 – 14, 2017

Calendar

- SUN. 6:30am Lutheran Hour on WSRW
105.7 FM, Grand Rapids
- 7:00am Lutheran Hour on WGN
720 AM, Chicago
- 8:15am Traditional Worship
- 9:30am Pastor led Bible Study I Am A Church Member in the Multipurpose Room
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in Holy Grounds in the Church Basement
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am Worship For Shut-Ins on the TCT Network (DIRECTV channel 377, Dish channel 54, and Charter channel 2)
- MON. 9:00am Prayer Shawl meeting in the Social Hall
- 10:00am Quilters
- 11:30am Recorders
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- 7:00pm PPC meeting
- TUE. 12:00pm Adult Bible Study at Russ' Restaurant
- 6:30pm Men's Bible Study in the Social Hall
- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 10:00am Chapel
- 1:15pm Church Staff meeting
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- 5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers
- 6:30pm Confirmation class in the Social Hall
- 7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. Pastor Kurt's day off
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- SAT. 9:00am Foundations: New Member Class in the Social Hall
- 4:00pm I Am A Church Member Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend Oct. 7/8

Elders: Craig Montgomery

Acolytes:

8:15 Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

10:30 Emily Smith

Lectors:

8:15 Michael Kuras

10:30 Brian Peets

For the weekend Oct. 14/15

Elders: Chuck Hasseldahl

Acolytes:

8:15 Catie & Jacob Vossekuil

10:30 Emily Smith

Lectors:

8:15 Ronda Chapman

10:30 Richard Rothe

October Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

BAGLEY, Brooke	10/08
BAGLEY, Kali	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
CANAVAN, Winnie	10/14
YOST, Donna	10/14

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

EMINGER, Jeffrey & Becky (39)	10/14
LAMPINEN, Leo & Courtney (12)	10/14
LIGGETT, Scott & Kelly (22)	10/14
SHUMAKER, Adam & Jennifer (11)	10/14

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"When the God of the universe, Who created and redeemed us, calls us by name, claiming us as His very own and assuring us that nothing can snatch us from His hand, where we are engraved, could there be any more loving and comforting words when we are living life even in the midst of death?" *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers for the Grieving:

Please pray for the family of **Lee Shake** as he passed away on September 29. He is the husband of **Carol Shake**, father of **Eric Shake**, grandfather of **Liberty and Hudson Shake**.

Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

Les & Ronda Chapman: For **Andy & Emily Johnson and family** as Andy has accepted a call to a new congregation – praying for a smooth transition.

Matt & Julie Williams: For **Margret Langlois** (mother of Julie's longtime friend since childhood) who is dealing with weakness and other issues because of ALS. Please pray for her and her family and all those helping care for her.

Adam & Janet Zondlak: For Janet's mom, **Nancy Latimore** as she is recovering from two fractured hips.

Richard & Dorothy Grabowski: For Dorothy's brother, **Dennis Johnson's** continued good results from his tests.

Karen Ralya: For **Carol Shake and family** in the loss of her husband. For **Ross Kittleman** as he battles cancer. For continued healing for **Carol Schmidt**.

Ron & Pat Young: For good results of tests for **Ron Young's** anemia.

Marlene Guske: For **Steve Boeve's** upcoming surgery. For brother, **Roger Hillstead**, recovering from heart attacks.

Craig & Janet Montgomery: For **Kim Tovey**, for a return of good health, and more immediately, the passing of a blood clot in her arm. For **Uncle Jeff Hemmelsbach**, for recovery from multiple health issues.

Bob & Rosie Anderson: For their son, **Brad** recovering from a stroke.

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Aurelia Noble**, granddaughter of **Richard & Sharon Rothe**, as she will have open heart surgery on October 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 42, Sun.: 8:15 – 96, 10:30 – 141; **Total: 279**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$23,112.30

Also received for: BUTC \$540.50, God's Pantry \$190, Crop Walk \$50, Financial Freedom \$200, Debt Reduction \$310, Chapel (Camp Restore) \$106, Brass Ensemble \$40

Honorarium

In honor of Margaret Eminger's 90th birthday to the General Fund by Jeff & Becky Eminger

Memorials

In memory of Kurt Riessen to the General Fund by Jeff & Becky Eminger

In memory of Lee Shake to the General Fund by Karen Shields; to the Day School by Ross & Mary Linda Kittleman

In memory of Fred Snider to the General Fund by Jeff & Becky Eminger

In memory of Trevor VanVoorst to the General Fund by Jeff & Becky Eminger

101 Ways to Love Your Wife: Survive the Drudgery – Not everyday in your marriage will be a picnic! Laugh a little as you read Ecclesiastes 9:9. "Enjoy life with your wife, who you love, all the days of meaningless life that God has given you under the sun – all your meaningless days..." Seek joy through Christ during pointless days and enjoy your wife's wisdom and humor as you look forward to the life God has for you.

Lakeshore Fellowship Oktoberfest: Free family fun on Sat., Oct. 21, 4:00-7:00pm. Blow-up games, face painting, hayrides, train rides, food, and live music by The Sherri Casey Band! All are welcome (16790 Van Wagoner Rd., Spring Lake).



Reformation Sunday

Join us as we celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation of the Church on Sun., Oct. 29, at our special 10:00am worship service followed with a potluck!

(THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEKEND!)

Workers Needed for our Reformation Sunday Potluck:

Please see sign up sheets in the Social Hall or you can sign up on the back of your Connect Card. Contact Cheryl Thomas at 844-7052 or twirlygirl78@charter.net.

God's Pantry/Social Ministry: Contact Marlene Guske (842-6879) for food pantry and meals; Monica Boeve (846-5588) for all other financial assistance; Bonnie Bringadahl (607-8076), for meals for the sick/injured. We are holding our annual student jacket drive. We have a collection box just inside the entryway for donations of gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs. **Pantry needs: Pantry needs:** Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale: Its time to gather all the items we don't need or use and get them ready for the Oct. 20 & 21 Ladies Aids Rummage Sale. It's a good feeling to turn our extra "treasures" into money to purchase needed items for the church and school. Donations can be dropped off after 10:30am on Oct. 19.

Join Pastor Kurt on Sun. mornings at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room for his Oct. Bible Study Series – [I Am A Church Member.](#) **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

Here We Stand Food Drive: As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, St. John's has been asked to bring canned and boxed food items to the 500th Anniversary Worship Service on Oct. 15, at the Breslin Center. There is a collection basket in the Social Hall for donations.

Harvest Blessings: The Early Childhood Department of St. John's Lutheran School is holding a fall festival for preschool through 3rd grade families on Fri., Oct. 27 at 5:30pm. Pizza and pop will be provided, however we ask that you bring a salad or dessert. We will be thanking God for all the wonderful things He provides for us. Come join us for: Dinner & Dessert, Face Painting, Hayrides, Fall Crafts, Storytelling, and Pumpkin Walk.

Wanted: Silly faces or artistically carved pumpkins for our Pumpkin Walk to be put on display for all to see in our darkened Social Hall. If you want to bring a jack-o-lantern, please deliver it on Fri., Oct. 27 (no later than 3:00pm) so we have time to arrange the display. You can take your pumpkin back home at the end of the Harvest Blessings Festival. *(Sponsored by St. John's Early Childhood Department)*

Feeding America Food Truck: St. Luke Lutheran (11261 South St., Nunica) is hosting a free food truck on Tue., Oct. 17. Food distribution begins at 6:00pm. If you or someone you know is in need of food, this is an open invitation. Please arrive a bit early as registration is required. Call (616) 837-6059 for more info.

Chicago Bus Trip Fundraiser for St. John's Lutheran School is Sat., Nov. 4. Grab a friend and join us for shopping, museums, shows or great food – a day of fun in the city. Chartered bus leaves St. John's parking lot promptly at 7:00am EST, then drop off at Museum Campus and near the Magnificent Mile around 10:00am CST, then will depart 7:00pm CST. Tickets are \$60. www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-haven-to-chicago-bus-trip-for-st-johns-lutheran-school-2017-tickets-38467499326?aff=EmailGroup

The Feeding America Truck will be at St. John's on Fri., Dec. 1. Faith At Home is sponsoring this servant event for our members and friends to show God's Love. Registration will begin at 4:00pm, dinner is served at 5:00pm, and the food will be distributed at 6:00pm. About 30 volunteers will be needed. Jobs will range from kitchen help to sorting and distributing food to helping folks carry food to their cars. Look for sign-up sheets around Oct. 15 in the Social Hall. Please also start saving sturdy cardboard boxes and also Meijer and Walmart plastic bags for putting food into. We would like to thank Hope Reformed Church and their Food Truck Ministry for supplying the truck and allowing us to do this. Richard & Sharon Rothe, Food Truck coordinators

A Reformation Hymn Festival is set to take place at St. Matthew (15395 Rannes, Spring Lake) on Wed., Oct. 25, at 7:00pm. In addition to the well-known Reformation hymns, Parish Musician Joanne Jansen and Choir Director Bethany Goers will lead the St. Matthew choir in two choral arrangements in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. All are invited!

Special Music for Reformation: The Boardwalk Brass of Grand Haven (6 piece brass ensemble) will enrich our worship on Sun., Oct. 29. It's going to be very exciting! If you can help offset the cost of this wonderful addition to our celebration of the Reformation, please consider making a donation. Use an envelope in the pew and mark it 'Brass Band.' Many thanks!

"What to Know Before You Go", a series of presentations on end-of-life, will be held at St. Mark Lutheran (4475 Henry St., Muskegon) begins Mon., Oct. 9, at 6:30 with I'm Dying to Talk With You by Dave Kampfschulte. On Mon., Oct. 16 Amy Geldersma, LMSW, from Hospice will discuss medical issues and advance directives; and Chad D'Avignon will speak on Peace of Mind on Mon., Oct. 23. If there is interest, there will be a panel discussion on Mon., Oct. 30 by those who have experienced loss of a loved one. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Hospice. For more info contact St. Mark Lutheran (231) 798-2197 or Nancy Wittkopp at (231) 780-3640.

Party of Parties Church Bazaar: Ready to do some Christmas shopping or shop for yourself? The Girls of Grace from Grace Lutheran is hosting the 'Party of Parties'. On Sat., Oct. 28, from 9:00am – 2:00pm, there will be home based business representatives and crafters selling food and kitchen items, home decor, toys, jewelry, cleaning products, beauty and make-up items, etc. The event will be held at Grace Lutheran (300 E. Cleveland St., Coopersville). Proceeds will go to mission projects. Pick-up date is Wed., Nov. 15 at Grace Lutheran Church.

Faith Family Reunion: Being a Parent of a Prodigal: All of us have someone in our lives who has strayed away from faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigal but to the parents, families and friends of prodigals who struggle to know what to do? **Two One-Day Retreats to choose from:** 9:00am-3:00pm on Sat., Oct. 21 at St. Matthew (5125 Cascade Rd SE, GR) or Sat., Nov. 18 at Good Shepherd (7000 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing). \$10/person includes breakfast and lunch.

www.michigandistrict.org/events/being-a-parent-of-a-prodigal

Pure: By God For God is a youth purity gathering for teens and their parents, featuring Travis Hartjen (speaker) and 2nd Mile (music). This will take place at Our Savior, Lansing on Sun., Nov. 12 at 3:00pm. Cost is \$10/person OR \$25/family. Register at www.oursaviorlansing.org/pure/.

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Humanity for Prisoners welcomes Father Greg Boyle on Thur., Oct. 12 at Lakeshore Middle School at 7:00pm. Father Boyle's Best Seller, Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, describes Homeboy Industries, the organization he established to create job opportunities for gang members and ex-convicts. Get tickets at The Bookman or www.humanityforprisoners.org.