

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

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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 14/15, 2017
The Nineteenth Weekend After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in...Isaiah 25:6–9, Ephesians 6:1-4, and Matthew 22:1-14. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is his "**I Am a Church Member**" series "**Family Matters**" ("**I Am a Praying Member**") (Ch.4-5) and it's based on **Ephesians 6:1-4**.

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."*

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.

“I Am a Church Member” (I Am a Praying Member) Sermon Notes

Our First Commitment

I am a church member. It's not the kind of membership as in a civic organization or country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12. Therefore, because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member who seeks to let the love of Jesus shine in and through my life. I will give, serve, study, witness, and I will strive to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." (1 Cor. 12:26)

Our Second Commitment

I am a church member. I will seek to be a source of unity in my congregation. I know there are no perfect people, and neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. I will also not let my church be about my preferences. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ.

Our Third Commitment

I am a church member. I will lead my family to understand what it means to be members of this church. We will pray together, worship together, serve together, and we will ask Jesus to help us to fall more deeply in love with the Church for which He gave His life. We will also pray for our pastor and leaders – understanding that their work is never ending and that Satan still seeks to bring them down along with God's Church.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – October 15 – 21, 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 <u>I Am A Church Member</u> 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)
	2:30pm	Christian Haven worship
MON.	10:00am	Quilters
	11:30am	Recorders
	2:45pm	Girls' Basketball
TUE.	12:00pm	Adult Bible Study at Russ' Restaurant
	4:00pm	Girls' Basketball game (home)
	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
	5:45pm	JuBELLation Ringers
	7:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	10:30am	Can start bringing donations in for the Rummage Sale
	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
	9:00am	Ladies Aid Rummage Sale
SAT.	9:00am	Ladies Aid Rummage Sale
	4:00pm	<u>I Am A Church Member</u> Bible Study in the Social Hall
	5:00pm	Worship

Stewards

For the weekend Oct. 14/15

Elders: Chuck Hasseldahl

Acolytes:

5:00 Adrian & Alex Douglas

8:15 Cafie & Jacob Vossekuil

10:30 Emily Smith

Lectors:

8:15 Ronda Chapman

10:30 Richard Rothe

For the weekend Oct. 21/22

Elders: Al Lutz

Acolytes:

5:00 Avery & JJ Parylak

8:15 Hudson Shake

10:30 Emily Smith

Lectors:

8:15 Dave Scalici

10:30 Sharon Rothe

October Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



*...how often should
I forgive?
"Not SEVEN times,
but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-
SEVEN
times."*

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

DANIELS, Tod	10/16
PRINGNITZ, Darnell	10/16
KOLBERG, Deborah	10/18
NORTH, Bruce	10/18
TULLOCK JR., Clarence	10/18
WILLIAMS, Matt	10/18
BENES, Anita	10/19
BRINGEDAHL, Bonnie	10/19
WILLIAMS, Jim	10/19
FRANK, Marlene	10/21
LUYTJES, Ken	10/21
LYONS, Jeré	10/21
TULLOCK, Ian	10/21

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

APOSTLE, Peter & Kathryn (43)	10/20
DORA, Michael & Liza (39)	10/20
WILLIAMS, Jim & Lori (17)	10/20

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn't know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven't been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back." Cheryl Magness, writer, musician, and homeschool mom – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

Bud & Marion Zillins: For their great grandson, **Frankie**.

Karen Ralya: For **Karen Shields** as she prepares for heart surgery. For the "perfect" bone marrow match for **Carol Schmidt**.

Bob & Rosie Anderson: Praise to you Lord! Son, **Brad**, is feeling better.

Greg & Judy Talarico: For Judy's brother, **Jim**, who is having heart issues and her brother, **Jerry**, who will have open heart surgery this week.

Clara Klages: For **Jim Gignac**, at Heartwood Lodge.

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Karen Shields**, as she will undergo open heart surgery on October 18.

Other Prayers:

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 50, Sun.: 8:15 – 77, 10:30 – 116; **Total: 243**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$14,345.13

Also received for: BUTC \$290.50, God's Pantry \$519, Financial Freedom \$120, Debt Reduction \$2,030, Red Cross Training \$115, Confirmation \$109.26, Golf Outing \$130

All Memorials received will be listed in next week's bulletin

101 Ways to Love Your Husband: Kisses Along the Way...will really make his day! Greet him with a kiss. Say goodbye with a kiss. Go to bed with a kiss. Say thanks with a kiss. Just kiss! Become a kissaholic.

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. There is a collection box just inside the entryway for donations of gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs. **Pantry needs: Pantry needs: Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce**



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.

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 always available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

St. John's Next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Mon., Nov. 13 at 7:00pm. Items on the agenda to include: 1) Called Church workers' housing allowance. 2) Voting for a Lay Delegate to attend the District Regional meeting in April and the District Convention in June. 3) Change in language concerning the By-laws for the Endowment.

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale: Its time again to bring in all those items we don't need to the Oct. 20 & 21 Ladies Aid Rummage Sale. All proceeds benefit our church and school. Donations can be dropped off after 10:30am on Oct. 19. Help is needed for our sale. You can sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

Pure: By God For God is a youth purity gathering for teens and their parents, featuring Travis Hartjen (speaker) and 2nd Mile (music). Taking 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/.

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. They will be put on display for all so see in our darkened Social Hall. Please deliver jack-o-lanterns on Fri., Oct. 27 (no later than 3:00pm) so we have time to arrange the display. *(Sponsored by St. John's Early Childhood Department)*

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

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 lead the St. Matthew choir in two choral arrangements in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. All are invited!



The Feeding America Truck will be at St. John's on Fri., Dec. 1. We need approximately 40 volunteers to help in the following areas: set up (mid afternoon), registration, kitchen (meal will be served beforehand), sorting and distributing of food, assisting with carrying food, and clean-up of the church facility following the event. Faith at Home is sponsoring this event as an opportunity to put God's love into action to the people in our community. Our thanks goes to Hope Reformed Church for funding the truck and "gifting" it to us as a ministry opportunity. Please indicate your desire to help on the sign up sheets on the bulletin board near the sink in the Social Hall. Richard or Sharon Rothe will contact those interested and find the best fit for your interests and time availability. If you are unable to serve that day, consider helping by collecting Meijer and Walmart plastic bags, and sturdy boxes which will be used in the distribution process.

Special Music for Reformation: The Boardwalk Brass of Grand Haven (6 piece brass ensemble) will enrich our worship on Sun., Oct. 29. 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!

Apple Dumplings for Sale: Ladies Aid has made apple dumplings and has them available in the school freezer. The price is \$9. Save yourself making dessert and just pop them in the oven.

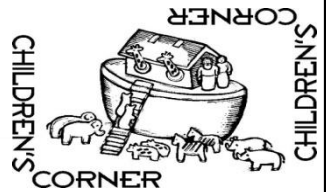
Party of Parties Church Bazaar: Ready to do some Christmas shopping or shop for yourself? The Girls of Grace from Grace Lutheran is hosting the 'Party of Parties'. On Sat., Oct. 28, from 9:00am – 2:00pm, there will be home based business representatives and crafters selling food and kitchen items, home 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.

Can't Attend the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Service in Lansing? They will be live-streaming this service at the Breslin Center beginning at 5:00pm this Sun. at <https://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/live>.

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? 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. For more info, visit www.michigandistrict.org/events/being-a-parent-of-a-prodigal

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).

**Sunday School
Parent Message
October 15, 2017**



The Prodigal Son ~ Luke 15:11-32

This weekend Sunday school will be meeting in the church basement. This weekend is our first of five lessons that the youth group will teach the children. Our theme is "Higher Things, Here I Stand". The children will be taught the Prodigal Son lesson from Luke 15:11-32. Children will learn a basic understanding of the confessions of sins, will associate confession with a loving response from our Father in Heaven. They will understand God's Son as the Way, the Truth, and the life.

This will include skits, craft and a snack. Mark you calendar for the remaining "Higher Things" to be taught by our youth:

November 12, January 21, March 18, and May 6.

What Legacy Will You Leave? Join Bill Burmeister, Michigan District Gift Planning Counselor on Sun., Jan. 7, 2018, between services at 9:30am, to learn more about leaving a legacy. Bill can also help you explore a variety of possibilities for fulfilling your legacy goals while making a significant gift to ministry at the same time. There is no cost or obligation to you and all conversations are kept confidential. For more info contact Bill at (800) 242-3944 or bill.burmeister@michigan.org.