

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Youth & Family Life Director Craig Kaschube

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.

“THESE ARE WRITTEN

SO ... THAT BY
BELIEVING

YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE

IN HIS NAME.”
JOHN 20:31, ESV

April 7/8, 2018

The Second Weekend of Easter

St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Sunday's lessons are found in...Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1-2:2 and John 20:19-31. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled: "**Grace in Action**", and it's based on **John 20:19-31**.

Prayer before worship: "O Lord God Almighty, since you bless your servants with various and unusual gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to use them always to your honor and glory; 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 – April 8 – 14, 2018

Calendar

*all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	Pastor led Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 th /6 th grade Classroom
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
MON.		Day School Resumes
	9:00am	Prayer Shawl meeting
	10:00am	Quilters in the church basement
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	All boards meet
	7:00pm	Family Matters at the parsonage
TUE.	10:00am	Faith at Home meeting
	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am	Chapel
	1:15pm	Church Staff meeting
	5:45pm	JuBELLation Ringers
	7:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	7:00pm	Essential Oils party
	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
	8:00pm	Sr. Youth Lock-In at Trinity Lutheran, in Conklin, MI
SAT.	5:00pm	Worship

Stewards

For the weekend April 7/8

Elders: Scott Taylor

Acolytes:

5:00 Aysia Dress

8:15 Hudson Shake

Lectors:

8:15 Michael Kuras

10:30 Kaye Nedderman

For the weekend April 14/15

Elders: Matt Williams

Acolytes:

5:00 Madeline Fellows

8:15 Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

10:30 Samuel Liggett

April Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

GRAY, Patti	04/08
MULLEN, Denise	04/08
DOUGLAS, Andrea	04/09
BROOKY, Cleomae	04/11
MARCINAK, Laurence	04/11
THÔM, Craig	04/11
VINK, Megan	04/11
WATERS, Rick	04/11
ZONDLAK, Janet	04/11
PEETS, Kyle	04/12
BARRY, Tonya	04/13
SCHMIDT, Warren	04/14

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

GRAY, Steven & Patti (35)	04/09
MANDRICK, Mike & Rosemary (65)	04/11

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Requests from Connect Cards:

For a good plan by the cardiologist for **Carol Markiewicz Gierke**.

For grateful hearts for our Savior's greatest sacrifice that we might know eternity!

For **Irene Cooper's father**, who is dying (age 90).

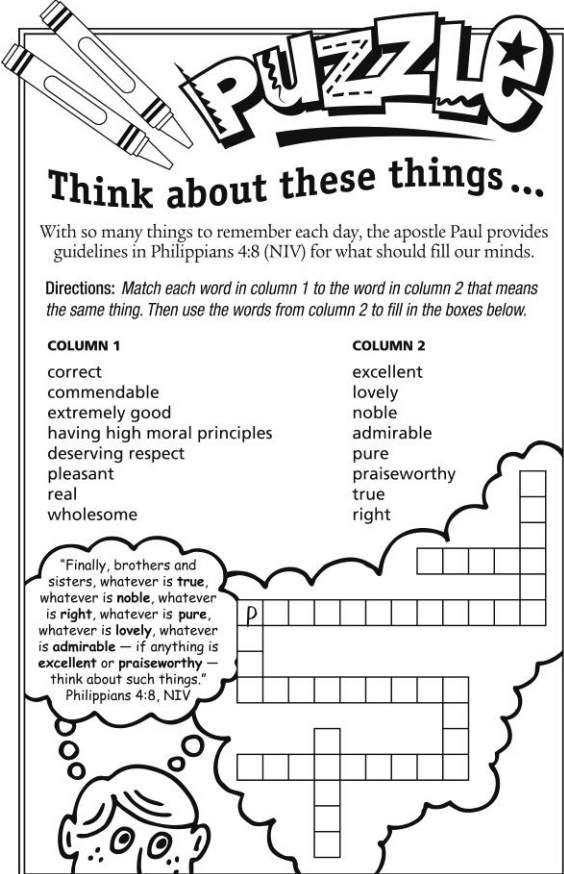
For restored health for **Janice (Grant) Williams**.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Clara Klages' 22nd great-grandchild**.

Continued prayers for **Teresa Taylor**.

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Joan Krueger**, undergoing chemotherapy; **Judy Beverly**, undergoing surgery for a brain aneurysm on April 17; **Dorothy Klein** recovering from surgery; **Joyce Felt** under hospice care; **Ruth Cooper**, recuperating at Heartwood Lodge; and **Kathy Dennings**, recovering from an emergency appendectomy while on vacation. (She is the daughter of **Louis & Vicky Johnson**.)



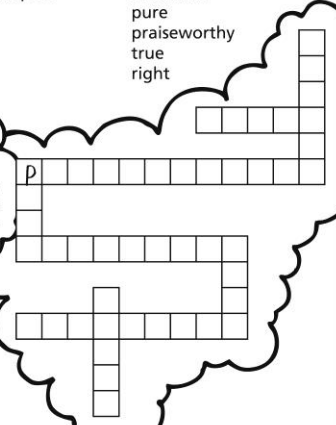
Think about these things ...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
correct	excellent
commendable	lovely
extremely good	noble
having high moral principles	admirable
deserving respect	pure
pleasant	praiseworthy
real	true
wholesome	right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things." Philippians 4:8, NIV



NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Maundy Thursday: - 93, Good Friday: 12:00 – 113, 7:00 – 109,
Easter Sunday: 7:00 – 149, 10:30 – 174 Total: 638

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$18,431.10

Also received for: BUTC \$126, God's Pantry \$40, Financial Freedom \$10, Day School iPads \$1,000, Debt Reduction \$10, ADOPT A TABLE \$210, Chapel \$193.25, Day School Scholarship \$1,046.04

Simply Giving (online giving) totals for March: General Fund: \$10,248, Building: \$732, Missions: \$100, School: \$285, TOTAL: \$11,365

Memorials

In memory of **Al Dorn** to Financial Freedom by Karen Ralya; to the General Fund by Dick & Laura DeBruin, Walter & Inge DeLeeven, Wayne Lenhart, Keith & Eva Giff, Eleanor Kuzniar, Jean Hecksel, Robert Storch & Margaret Hulka, Ed Sanocki, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kling, Martha Eerdmans, Jim & Emmi Cleveland, Arlene Dorn, George Wolliner, Tom & Mary Amy Sanocki, Theresa Spars, William LaPierre, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Calkins, Bill & Carol Markiewicz Gierke

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Brian & Shelley Peets in honor of **Kyle's 20th birthday.**

101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid: Love Your Brother and/or Sister – God gave you siblings to love and enjoy. Even though you sometimes get frustrated with them, look for their good qualities and praise them for those qualities. If you don't have a brother or sister, "adopt" someone you know who needs to feel loved and appreciated.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies Resume this

Sunday: Plan to join Pastor Kurt for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am as he leads us through a study on various denominations of the Christian Church. Or you can join Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study on the Sacraments. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

New Ladies Bible Study begins on Wed., Apr. 11 at 9:30am. Join us for Prayers of the New Testament as we study the prayers of Jesus, Mary, Peter, Paul and others. "Prayer is the invitation from God for us to draw near and Jesus has made it possible for us to do so." For more information, contact Karen Shields at (616) 842-5912 or kshieldspi@msn.com.

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; Bonnie Bringadah (616) 607-8076, for meals for the sick/injured.

Church Treasurer Needed: An accounting/computer skill set is a must; training provided. Much of the work is done electronically and includes oversight of the church budget, monthly/quarterly cash flows, and monthly reports to PPC. This does not include daily input and bill paying (handled by our bookkeeper). Contact Edna at (616) 402-9648 or, or Harry at (616) 846-2648 or see Pastor Kurt.

Camp Restore Mission Trip is set for Aug. 6-8, 2018. **We now have 80 spots available!** Camp Restore is located at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Detroit and is supported by the MI District-LCMS. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with local Detroiters across a range of community-led volunteer projects. The cost is \$120 per person, and you must be at least 13 years old to attend. Our youth board is giving a \$40 scholarship to any youth that wants to attend. Registration forms and a \$20 deposit (write check to St. John's) can be submitted to Craig Kaschube. Sun., May 20 is the last day to register for Camp Restore!! Indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Craig at ckaschube@sjlcs.org or (616) 842-4510 for more information.

Ladies! Don't miss "The Lord's Unfailing Love," the LWML Lakeshore Zone Spring Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Holland on Sat., Apr. 21, 9:00am-12:00noon (we will car pool from St. John's at 8:30am). Guest speaker, Christel Neuendorf, deaconess and missionary, will share her stories of God's unfailing love. Registration begins at 8:30am and is \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth (ages 10-15) and includes brunch. Please bring non-perishable foods for the Harvest Stand. For more info, contact Helen Travis at helentravis@charter.net

Shopping With SCRIP: It's easy to purchase gift cards to pay for items in stores that you normally shop in. You can even buy gift cards to purchase gas for your car. Stop by the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or in the Day School office during normal school hours to find out more! Indicate on the back of your Connect Card for more information!

Lutheran Singles Association Conference: Lutherans Singles Association (LSA) is holding its biennial Conference at St. Matthew's, Spring Lake on May 17-20. Cost is \$150/person which includes: meals, a dinner-cruise, and program costs. Fee does not include sleeping rooms or breakfast. Come and meet single adults from all over the country. When we aren't touring and eating - we will be attending Bible study and participating in service. A flyer can be downloaded from www.isalcms.org or for more information, contact Steve at president@isalcms.org or (708) 771-0861.

Save Your Family Fare and D&W Food Receipts! Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that St. John's can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store. When you shop at Family Fare or D&W, save your 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 for St. John's!

Volunteer Drivers Needed: Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging is experiencing an extreme need of volunteer drivers to transport older adults to legal and medical appointments using your personal vehicle. You won't be asked to physically assist them in or out of the car. All rides are coordinated through the Program Assistant at Four Pointes. Mileage reimbursement of \$.40 per mile is available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Stacey McManus at (616) 842-9210 or Stacey@fourpointes.org.

Michigan Movie Shoot: *Faith Under Fire*, a Christian movie starring Dean Cain is shooting in Northville, MI, on Apr. 11 and May 7-24. Volunteer opportunities are available, some on-camera, others behind-the-scenes. All volunteers are welcome. The most help is needed Apr. 11, for crowd control and food donations. The film is produced by Plymouth MI native, Melissa Kerley, founder of the independent Christian movie company, Generation Courage, and Joel Paul Reisig, a veteran film producer. Dean Cain plays Pastor Dan, the pastor who helps a widower fireman whose daughter has cancer. All proceeds from *Faith Under Fire* go to cancer research. To volunteer, email GenerationCourage@gmail.com, or visit www.GenerationCourage.net (look under the "Current Projects" tab to find info about this particular movie). Please keep this movie in prayer.

Reading Buddies Needed: Three Oaks Public School Academy (1212 Kingsley St., Muskegon) is looking for reading buddies for kids on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore has offered to administer the program including the volunteer organization. If you can help these kids improve their reading skills, that would be wonderful! The reading activities will be planned by the site coordinator so you just need to show up. If you can volunteer, please contact Kristen Wilson at (231) 798.1391 ext. 223 or Kristen@bbbslakeshore.org. Because you will be volunteering with children, you'll need to supply Kristen your info so that a background check can be done.

Debt Retirement: On Apr. 30, 2018 our loan with the Church Extension Fund on the line of credit will be due. As of Mar. 31, 2018, the balance is \$16,650. Let's set a goal to pay off the balance before the due date. Prayerfully consider helping us achieve this goal. With God's help, we have been able to meet some big challenges this past year! Harry Schmidt

A Night at the Derby, A Fundraiser for TCM Counseling: TriCities Ministries Counseling (TCM) has continued to grow in order to meet the increased need of affordable and accessible mental health services. Please consider attending this important fundraiser for TCM to support counseling, suicide prevention training, free counseling to pastors, and TCM's School Outreach Program, that provides counseling services to students right at their school. A Night at the Derby is on Sat., May 5 at the Spring Lake Country Club. Tickets, sponsorships, and raffle tickets for a trip to Barbados can all be purchased at www.tcmcounseling.org OR by calling TCM at (616) 842-9160.

Join the Step it Up! Fitness Challenge! This free, 8-week program is designed to help you get active and visit and explore our Ottawa County parks. All levels of fitness welcome! The challenge begins on Mon., Apr. 9. Participants can look forward to:

- Achieving fitness goals
- Guided group walks with varying paces
- Discovering new parks
- Meeting new people
- Incentive prizes
- Motivation & accountability

There are also opportunities to run, bike, and paddle as a group, plus a nature navigation challenge! Sign up today at www.miottawa.org/Parks/stepitup.htm