

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.



REPENTANCE
for the
FORGIVENESS
OF SINS
will be
PREACHED
IN HIS NAME
to all
NATIONS.

LUKE 24:47, NIV

April 14/15, 2018

The Third Weekend of Easter

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

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This weekend's lessons are found in... Acts 3:11–21, 1 John 3:1–7 and Luke 24:36–49. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled: "**Open Up**", and it's based on **Luke 24:36-49**.

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 – April 15 – 21, 2018

Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	8:30am	Pancake breakfast
	9:30am	KINDLE Gathering in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
MON.	10:00am	Quilters in the church basement
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	PPC meeting
TUE.	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am	Chapel
	1:15pm	Church Staff meeting
	5:45pm	JuBELLation Ringers
	6:30pm	Special Youth Group Night!
	7:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
SAT.	5:00pm	Worship

Stewards

For the weekend April 14/15

Elders: Matt Williams

Lectors:

5:00 Mark Howard

8:15 Peggy Mandrick

10:30 Brian Peets

Acolytes:

5:00 Madeline Fellows

8:15 Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

10:30 Samuel Liggett

For the weekend April 21/22

Elders: Craig Montgomery

Acolytes:

5:00 Matthew Uthe

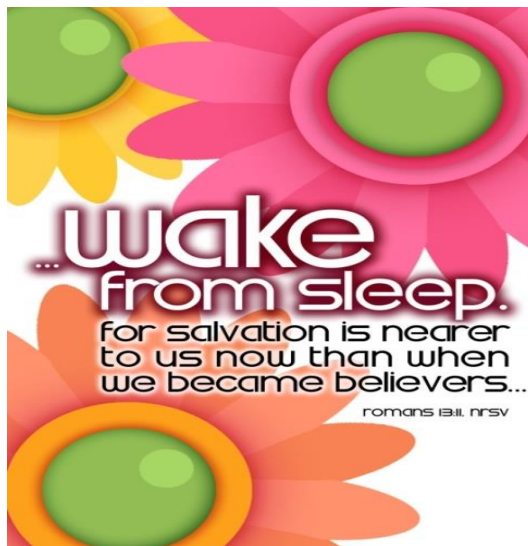
8:15 Samuel Ohlendorf

10:30 Abbey Turner

April Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128

Debbie Kolberg (616) 842-7151



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

DANIELS, Zander	04/16
NOGAR, Pat	04/17
VON TOM, Erin	04/17
DORA, Liza	04/18
HARVEY, Lauren	04/18
PONTARELLI, Olivia	04/18
SCHMIDT, Carol	04/18
SHAKE, Liberty	04/18
DUER, Edna	04/19
RUNDQUIST, Janice	04/19
REARY, Gracie	04/20
ROBINSON, Chelsea	04/21

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

HORNER, Tony & Wendee (10)	04/20
MULLEN, Stephen & Denise (28)	04/21

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God's Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): 'On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.' Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that 'seem to be weaker are indispensable!'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

www.lutheransforlife.org

Other Prayers:

For **Pastor Michael Goers** as he deliberates the Call to serve at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne, City, MI.

Prayer Requests from Connect Cards:

The power of the Holy Ghost! Hooray!
For **Theresa Spangler** (dear friend of **Robin & Cleone Bolthouse**) recovering from surgery.

Continued prayers for Karen Ralya's brothers-in-law.

Thanksgiving for **Jim Nelson's** (friend of the **Kittleman's**) release from the hospital. Continued prayer for him regaining the ability to swallow and speak above a whisper.

For **Judy Talarico** to have relief from back pain.

For **Deb Francik's** co-worker, **Sandi**, whose father died in a house fire in Florida.

For **Arthur**, a man who manages the cafeteria workers at the Ark Encounter, who is dealing with numerous cancerous tumors and awaiting tests.

For **Carol Markiewicz Gierke**, that the upcoming cardioversion and medications work.

For **Joan Krueger** - God uphold her as she endures her journey through chemo. Restore her to good health.

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Judy Beverly**, undergoing surgery for a brain aneurysm on April 17; **Dorothy Klein** recovering from surgery; **Ruth Cooper** and **Theresa Richert** recovering at Heartwood Lodge; **Barb Schulz** to have relief from hip pain; **Irene Cooper's father**; and **Joyce Fett** under hospice care.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 62, Sun.: 8:15 – 75, 10:30 – 88 **Total: 225**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$10,749.45

Also received for: BUTC \$380.50, God's Pantry \$40, Financial Freedom \$115, Debt Reduction \$745, ADOPT A TABLE \$300, Papergator \$85.30

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Karen Lange in honor of **April birthdays.**

(There are many opportunities to provide Altar Flowers. See sign-up calendar in the back of church.)

101 Ways to Love Your Wife: Make a DVD – Create a DVD that encourages her. Interview several people who love her and let them share what she means to them. End the DVD with your comments, affirming what the others have said and adding your own thoughts. To surprise her, pretend you've rented a movie for her and watch her face when she discovers she is the star!

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 Bringadahl (616) 607-8076, for meals for the sick/injured. We are now collecting diapers for Lakeshore Pregnancy Center.

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.

Servant Leader Gathering & Pancake

Breakfast: This Sun., Apr. 15, join Craig Kaschube at 9:30am in our Multi-purpose Room to learn something about Servant Leadership while you enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. We'll explore what Christ-like Servant Leadership looks like in our community and world – whether you are identified as a leader there or not. Invite a friend. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time. Regular Sun. morning Bible Studies resume next Sun.

Skoops' Cool School Contest: Plan on heading to Skoop's on Mon., May 7 for an ice cream treat, lunch or dinner to help support St. John's Lutheran School.

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.

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

Camp Restore Mission Trip is set for Aug. 6-8, 2018 - **80 spots available!** Camp Restore is located at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Detroit. 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 more info, indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Craig at ckaschube@sjlcs.org or (616) 842-4510.

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

Save Your Family Fare and D&W Receipts! Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program that allows St. John's to 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!

New to our Bible Study Center this month: The Me I Want To Be - Becoming God's Best Version Of You. In this study, Pastor and bestselling author, John Ortberg, teaches what it means to be God's best version of you through a powerful visual experience and story of a vintage motorcycle restoration. The author states, "God wants you to become a new creation. But new doesn't mean completely different: instead it's like an old motorcycle that gets restored to its intended magnificence. The good news is that as God redeems you and restores you, you become more you. You become more of that person God had in mind when he first thought you up. God is not interested in mass-producing you, but rather handcrafting you to be his best version of you." This DVD based study from Zondervan has 5 sessions with the bible books also available. This study is good for individuals or groups.

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale: Doing your spring cleaning? Save your treasures for the Ladies Aid Rummage Sale slated for Jul. 13 & 14.

Women At Risk, International (WAR, Int'l) Fundraiser: Second Reformed Church (1000 Waverly Ave., GH) is hosting a fundraiser on Tue., Apr. 17, 6:30-8:00pm where you can purchase jewelry made by those in the WAR Int'l program. Every \$300 of jewelry sales, supports a woman off the street and out of risk for a month in their safe houses. WAR Int'l is a Michigan based, nonprofit organization, established to create circles of protection around at-risk women and children. Contact Second Reformed at (616) 842-4170 or office@2ndgh.com for more info.

Military Biblestick Outreach: Next weekend we will have a special door offering for Bible Sticks for Military Personnel. Donations collected and sent in by Apr. 30 will be matched by a very gracious donor. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this worthwhile ministry. The church is accepting either cash or a check made out to St John's Lutheran Church, with Military Biblesticks in the memo area. St. John's will then write one check to **Faith Comes By Hearing** for their Military Biblesticks program, per their request. [See the display in the Social Hall.]

Become Part of Our Church Family: Foundations (St. John's New Member Class), will be offered Sat., May 5 & 12, 9:00am-noon in the Social Hall and led by Pastor Kurt. We look forward to welcoming new members to our church family! Sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

Austin Channing Brown, Speaker on Race Relations: First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven is hosting nationally recognized speaker, Austin Channing Brown, this Sun., Apr. 15 at 4:00pm, and would like to invite you and your congregations to be a part of this event! Ms. Brown is known as a fierce defender of civil discourse related to race relations with specific reference to encouraging open dialogue and tolerance between African American and white communities, and will be speaking on her experiences and perspectives on this topic. This event is part of the Community Artist and Speaker Series and is free and open to the public. First Presbyterian is located at 508 Franklin in Grand Haven.

Flowers for Pentecost: May 20 is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. To celebrate, we would like to again adorn the altar area with red geraniums. Bosch Nursery makes these available to us for **\$5** each. Sign-up/payment envelopes are posted on bulletin boards throughout the church. Make checks out to St. John's and put completed envelopes in the offering plate. Orders are due by **May 6**. Flowers can be taken home after the 10:30 service on May 20 and/or must be picked up by Wed., May 23. Any flowers not picked up by May 23 will be planted around the church.

Director of Music Position: Trinity Lutheran Church, Muskegon, is in search of a part-time Director of Music. The job entails taking part in the worship planning, playing organ and piano for worship services, directing the adult choir and praise teams, as well as coordinating soloists and instrumentalists. Hours are flexible based on applicant's available time. Please email Anna Woell at annaw@tlcmuskegon.org to receive a full job description or for more information.

Free Food Distribution & Dinner: Anyone in need of food is welcome to come to a Feeding America Truck on Thur., Apr. 19 at Hope Reformed Church (14932 Mercury Drive, GH). Registration begins at 4:00pm. Dinner is served 5:00-6:00pm. Distribution of food begins at 6:00pm. In case of inclement weather, distribution takes place inside the church.

