

**Church: (616) 842-4510**

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Youth & Family Life Director Craig Kaschube

Music Director Tracy Wood

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

(a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)

[www.st-johns-lutheran.com](http://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**

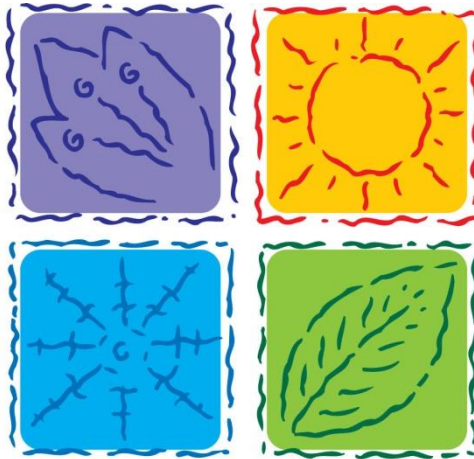
Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey

Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn



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

Please email announcements to [office@slcs.org](mailto:office@slcs.org).



**FOR EVERYTHING THERE  
IS A SEASON, A TIME  
FOR EVERY ACTIVITY  
UNDER HEAVEN.**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT**

December 30/31, 2017

New Year's Eve weekend

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

# **Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School**

**This Weekend's lessons are found in...** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Galatians 4:4-7, and Luke 2:22-40. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "A Time to Remember...and to Forget", and it's based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

**Prayer before worship:** *"Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that you look upon us in mercy and renew us by your Holy Spirit; keep safe our going out and coming in and let your blessing remain with us throughout this day; preserve us in your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus; through whom be glory and praise to you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever."*

**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](mailto:office@sjlcs.org).



# Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – Dec. 31, 2017 – Jan. 6, 2018

## Calendar

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

SUN.	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
	8:15am Traditional Worship
	9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom
	10:30am Contemporary Worship
MON.	<b>New Year's Day</b>
TUE.	<b>Church office is closed</b>
	11:30am Recorders
WED.	<b>Day School Resumes</b>
	9:30am Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am Chapel
	1:15pm Church Staff meeting
	2:30pm Boys' Basketball
	6:30pm Confirmation class
	7:00pm Celebration Choir
THUR.	7:15pm Praise Team
FRI.	Pastor Kurt's day off
	2:30pm Boys' Basketball
SAT.	9:00am De-decorating of the Sanctuary
	5:00pm Worship

## Stewards

### For the weekend Dec. 30/31

**Elders:** Scott Taylor

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Elders

**8:15** Elders

**10:30** Elders

### For the weekend Jan. 6/7

**Elders:** Matt Williams

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Matthew Uthe

**8:15** Catie & Jacob Vossekuiil

**10:30** Dorian Cipolla

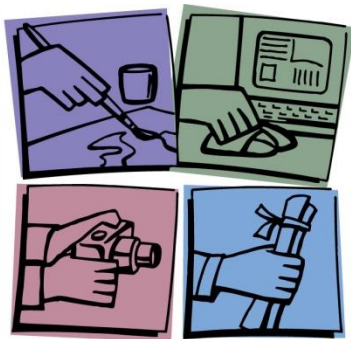
### December Altar Guild:

Connie Behm (616) 842-6518

## Sunday School Calendar

December 31

No Sunday School



A NEW  
YEAR

&

NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES

## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

SPINK, Arabella	12/31
VANVOORST, Chris	01/01
KASCHUBE, Caleb	01/02
LYONS, Christopher	01/02
SANBORN, Ray	01/02
MACKELLAR, Amy	01/04
RIPKA, Mike	01/04
LEPPIEN, Lindi	01/05
SHAKE, Carol	01/05
SHOEMAKER, Oliver	01/05

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Our failures won't undermine the Lord's reign. Others' successes can't overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity—not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil's deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let's exercise our majesty enthusiastically!" Rev. Michael W.

*Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Other Prayers:

### Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

For **Dennis Johnson** at McAuley Nursing Home in Muskegon.

For **Ashlee Davison**, as she has Ellerdanloss syndrome and it is now affecting her heart. She will be going to U of M for complete testing. (She is only 24 and has a 5 year old son.)

For **staff and students at Valley Lutheran High School** in Saginaw for loss of teacher, **Bev Feldkamp**.

Glory to God in the Highest!

For **Jim Montgomery**, Sr. (Craig's dad) for rapid recovery from a small stroke.

Continued prayers for **Margaret Eminger** (Jeff's mom) as she continues to struggle with poor health.

For **Monroe** (4 month old niece of Nic & Andria Dress) as she is hospitalized at the U of M for heart complications and influenza.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Samuel Ohlendorf's** recent health report from Helen DeVos neurology department.

For **Lindsey's** (granddaughter of Greg & Judy Talarico) safe travels back to Washington DC.

Prayers of thanksgiving for our community (and congregation) for helping the Save the Catwalk committee break and exceed its \$1 million goal for restoring and reinstalling one of Grand Haven's most iconic, beloved landmarks!

For **Nancy Jerovsek, Jerry Jerovsek, and Bonnie Vander Zwaag**.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Day School Advent Program: 250; Christmas Eve: 9:00 – 118, 4:00 – 169, 7:00 – 200; Christmas Day: 72 **Total: 810**

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

**\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry**

**General Fund Gifts Received:** \$29,110.66

**Also received for:** BUTC \$341, Financial Freedom \$110, Debt Reduction \$1,020, Chapel (God's Pantry) \$101.09, Wed. Advent (Camp Restore) \$1,025, Faith at Home \$65, Music \$20

#### Memorials

**In memory of Gene Cooper** to the General Fund by Clara Klages; to Debt Reduction by Ken & Connie Behm

**In memory of Ron Mistretta** to Debt Reduction by Ken & Connie Behm; to the General Fund by Clara Klages, Randy & Cindy OBeine;

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Scott & Holly Spink in honor of **Arabella's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid:** Love 'Em Like You Said – It's easier to say "I love you" than to show it. Really seek to love your parents with all your heart. Let them feel loved because of your obedience or servant spirit.

**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. **Pantry needs:** Package noodles and cereal

**Sanctuary De-Decorating** will take place on Sat., Jan. 6, from 9:00am until noon. Please sign up on the back of your Connect Card if you are able to help.

**The church office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 1 through Tue., Jan. 2 (New Year).**

**Writing a Will:** Join Bill Burmeister, Michigan District-Church Extension Fund Gift Planning Counselor, Sun., Jan. 7, 2018, between services at 9:30am, to learn the importance of writing a will or trust and how to get started. Learn how to witness through your own last will and testament, so your children and grandchildren will inherit the blessings of your wisdom. 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 information contact Bill at (800) 242-3944 or [bill.burmeister@mi-cef.org](mailto:bill.burmeister@mi-cef.org).

**Save the date!** St. John's Lutheran School Auction date is set for Fri., Mar. 23 at Porto Bello's! We look forward to having another great year supporting our school. Our theme this year is "Michigan Awesome". Do you have something to donate that is Michigan awesome? Or a cabin in Michigan you would want another family to enjoy the awesomeness of Michigan? Please remember us during your holiday shopping. If you have any questions feel free to contact Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

**Sunday Bible Study Notice:** Please note that Pastor Kurt's Bible Study will not meet on Sun., Dec. 31; however, the Augsburg Confession study will meet on Dec. 31.

**2018 Offering Envelopes** can be picked up from Social Hall. Thank you for joining us in the support of our Lord's mission through the ministry we do here at St. John's. Any offerings given after Dec. 31 will be on your 2018 statement.


**Confirmation News:** Mark your calendars for the following dates –Our second year confirmation students will share their Statements of Faith on Sun., Jan. 28 at our 10:30am worship service. They will then be confirmed on Sun., Feb. 4 at our 10:30am worship service.

**Social Ministry thanks** you for your donation of school jackets. The preschool and elementary school sizes all stayed with our St. John's school. The larger ones went to Grand Haven High School with attention to the liaison for homeless teens.

**Please Join us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church** Sat. Jan. 6, 2018 at 1:00pm (15395 Rannes St.; Spring Lake). Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin of the Siberian Lutheran Church will present an interesting and informative program. Bishop Lytkin is joined on this visit by his son Yuri and their organist Natasha. More information is available on the work of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society in support of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church at [www.siberianlutheranmissions.org](http://www.siberianlutheranmissions.org).

Preceding the program a light luncheon will be served. A freewill offering will be accepted for support of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. For more information, please contact Bill Boice at (616) 402-5457 or Mary Ann Weise at (616) 818-8216. Sponsored by St Matthew Lutheran Church, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society and Thrivent.

# Men's Bible Study



**Men's Bible Study – Coming Soon!** The Parish Board of Education and Faith At Home is offering a morning Bible Study for men starting on Tue., Feb. 20, 2018 at 6:30-7:30am and continuing for the ensuing five Tuesdays after that. The study, entitled 33 Series: A Man and His Design, is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. The study contains six sessions that explores the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men. The study starts with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood, which will help men navigate through some realities that have created cultural confusion. It follows by unfolding God's mandates for all men and offering a clear definition of authentic manhood that will help men on their journey. Each participant will learn the four "faces" of manhood and how to anticipate and transition through the specific seasons of life. The study will be facilitated by Pastor Kurt and/or Craig Kaschube. Each session will have a video of 30-35 minutes in length and have some brief discussion afterward. The sessions will begin promptly at 6:30am and be over promptly at 7:30am for those of you that have to go to work, etc. We will have coffee and donuts available for each one of the sessions. See you then.



**National Lutheran Schools Week:** Jan. 21-27 is National Lutheran Schools Week and we are celebrating here at St. John's Lutheran School. The theme for this special week, It's Still all about Jesus, is based on the verse Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This week allows us the opportunity to join with more than 2,000 schools in giving thanks and praise to the great God we serve. We are grateful for the challenge that we have been given to train and equip our students who attend our schools. Please plan on joining us on Sunday, January 21, 2018 as we begin this special week celebrating in the knowledge that our Lord and Savior is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Grand Haven Calendars:** If the City of Grand Haven didn't already mail you a calendar, please be sure to grab one from the Narthex (back of church). One per family please. St. John's is highlighted for the month of April!

**Makes Sense:** Do not pass this opportunity to combine good-sense investment of your savings with good stewardship. Your investment with the Church Extension Fund makes building loans possible for LCMS churches and schools. Next month, CEF is offering very attractive rates on all of its investments for individuals and organizations. Grow your savings and simultaneously help build the fund that helps build its ministry facilities. Call (800) 242-3944 or visit [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) for more information.



**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL 6" SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER**  
**2018 ORDER FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY & LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$2.50 each or 10/\$20.00 (\$1.00 more per double meat sandwich)**

*\* Submit payment (cash or personal check to "St. John's Youth") with order form \**

**# SUBS ORDERED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

MEAT CHOICES:	QTY.	DOUBLE MEAT?	AMERICAN CHEESE CHOICES:
<i>* Bun is a 6" white hoagie *</i>	<i>* Write # of subs for double meat *</i>		<i>* Write # of subs with/without cheese *</i>
Ham	_____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes-DM _____ No-DM _____ Yes _____ No _____
Turkey	_____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes-DM _____ No-DM _____ Yes _____ No _____
Ham & Turkey	_____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes-DM _____ No-DM _____ Yes _____ No _____
Ham & Salami	_____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes-DM _____ No-DM _____ Yes _____ No _____
Ham, Salami, & Turkey	_____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes-DM _____ No-DM _____ Yes _____ No _____

*\* EXAMPLE ORDER FOR SARAH & STEVE SUBMARINE \**

Ham & Turkey	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> Yes <u>3</u> No	<u>0</u> Yes-DM <u>1</u> No-DM <u>3</u> Yes <u>0</u> No
Ham, Salami & Turkey	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u> Yes <u>2</u> No	<u>2</u> Yes-DM <u>2</u> No-DM <u>1</u> Yes <u>1</u> No

*Their order's total cost is \$25.00 (10 subs for \$20, \$5.00 extra for 5 double meat subs)*

**Submit order form and payment using the Social Hall drop box by Sunday, 1/28/18.**

*Pickup orders at church after worship Saturday, 2/3/18 or Sunday morning, 2/4/18.*