

**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](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).

Then a  
Cloud Appeared...  
& a Voice Came  
From the Cloud;

**"THIS IS MY SON,  
WHOM I LOVE.  
LISTEN TO HIM!"**

Mark 9:7

February 10/11, 2018  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

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

*This Weekend's lessons are found in...Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 and Mark 9:2-9. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "A Flash of Light", and it's based on **Mark 9:2-9**.*

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



# Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – February 11 – 17, 2018

## Calendar

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

SUN.	8:15am	Traditional Worship
	9:30am	<u>The Blessings of Baptism</u> - Pastor led Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
	9:30am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room in the church basement
	10:30am	Contemporary Worship
MON.	9:00am	Prayer Shawl meeting
	10:00am	Quilters in the church basement
	11:30am	Recorders
	7:00pm	Family Matters at the Parsonage
	7:00pm	PPC meeting
TUE.	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
WED.		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00am	Chapel
	1:15pm	Church Staff meeting
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
	8:00pm	Celebration Choir
THUR.	7:15pm	Praise Team
FRI.		Pastor Kurt's day off
		No Day School – Mid-Winter Break
SAT.	5:00pm	Worship

## Stewards

### For the weekend Feb. 10/11

**Elders:** Scott Taylor

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Matthew Uthe

**8:15** Hudson Shake

**10:30** Emily Smith

**7:00** Molly & Penny Williams **(Ash Wed)**

**Lectors:**

**8:15** Carol Shake

**10:30** Karen Shields

**7:00** Daniel Spitters **(Ash Wed)**

### For the weekend Feb. 17/18

**Elders:** Bill Schmidt

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Avery & JJ Parylak

**8:15** Catie & Jacob Vossekuil

**10:30** Samuel Liggett

**7:00** Samuel Ohlendorf **(Wed Lenten)**

**Lectors:**

**7:00** Alicia Smith **(Wed Lenten)**

### February Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

HEYN, Michael	02/11
KUGLER, Elenore	02/11
WILLIAMS, Lori	02/12
JEROVSEK, Kristie	02/13
MCPHERSON, Anita	02/14
SMITH, Hannah	02/14
CAMERON, Bob	02/15
ASPINALL, Heather	02/16
BOIK, Brian	02/16
SCHUCH Jr., Charles	02/16

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Love and appreciation between generations are so important. God tells us not to conceal His great and mighty acts from our children, but to tell the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wondrous works that He has done." Kay L. Meyer, *Family Shield Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

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

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Praise that **Amy Kelly** received a "clear" report on the breast biopsy she had last week. For **Archer Dulaney**, son of **Hunter & Jenny (Waters) Dulaney**; grandson of **Rick & Kay Waters**, as he will be baptized at the Church of the Dunes this Sunday.

### Other Prayers:

### Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

For our **confirmands** as they stood before God and pledged to follow Him forever. May we all pray and encourage the promise they made. For **Pat Batka**, still recovering from a broken hip. (She is the mother of **Andy Batka**.)

Praise for the beautiful choir music in singing "The Love of God". Well done! For Leah Appold's cousin, **Nolan**, as he recently developed schizophrenia. Please pray for him to come out of this acute phase and for him and his family as they deal with this. For continued healing prayers for **Teresa Taylor**.

Hey St. John's Members - As you get ready to file your taxes, don't forget to pick up your 2017 offering statement from the church narthex. Speaking of offerings - Have you ever thought of signing up for Simply Giving? It's an easy online way to have your offering automatically deducted from your checking account. Sign up before February 28 and you could win a \$50 gift card.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 41, Sun.: 8:15 – 59, 10:30 – 187; Total: 287

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

**General Fund Gifts Received:** \$16,017.25

**Also received for:** BUTC \$194, God's Pantry \$60, Financial Freedom \$10, Debt Reduction \$40

**Simply Giving** (online giving) totals for January: General Fund: \$10,375, Building: \$915, Missions: \$125, School: \$295, TOTAL: \$11,710

#### Memorials

In memory of **Mark Eskridge** to God's Pantry by Cleone Bolthouse

In memory of **Kathie Gannon** to the General Fund by Clara Klages

In memory of **Andrew Hass** to God's Pantry by Cleone Bolthouse

In memory of **Nancy Zarndt** to the Day School by Ken & Connie Behm

#### Honorarium

In honor of the confirmation of **Penny & Molly Williams** to the General Fund by Jerry & Shirley Williams

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Brian & Shelley Peets in honor of **Rylan's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**101 Ways to Love Your Wife:** Remind Yourself of 1 Peter 3:7 – “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.” Note that last part – the way you love your wife has a direct bearing on the effectiveness of your prayers.

**Plan to join Pastor Kurt** for his Bible Study entitled The Blessings of Baptism this Sun. at 9:30am. He plans to lead us through a 6 week study on various denominations of the Christian Church during the season of Lent (Feb. 18 through Mar. 25). Denominations that we will look at include the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Calvinist, Baptist, and Methodist branches of Christianity. Don't miss it! **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

**Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** will reconvene on Sun., Mar. 4, when we'll begin our study on the Sacraments beginning with Holy Baptism.

**Lent Begins on Feb. 14:** Make sure to join us on Wed., Feb. 14 at 7:00pm for our Ash Wednesday service. If you are unable to attend in the evening, you can join our students in chapel at 10:00am where we plan to include the Imposition of Ashes. Midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join us!

**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. We have some Gerber baby food donated to us. If you can use these food products, call Marlene Guske at (616) 842-6879. **Pantry needs:** Pork & beans, macaroni & cheese



**Preschool, Kindergarten,  
K-Club Open House**  
Meet the Teachers at  
**St. John's Lutheran School**  
**Wednesday, February 28**  
**at 6:00pm**

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser:** Social Ministry is asking you to support Lakeshore Pregnancy Center by filling a baby bottle with your donations and returning them to the basket in the Social Hall by Feb. 28. Thank you to all who are moved to give to such a worthy and blessed cause...LIFE!!

**Home Plate 2018 with the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park** is on Sat., May 12. Players will share about their careers and faith in Jesus Christ. Ticket includes: game ticket, program, food coupon, and souvenirs. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Alex Montgomery (616) 638-2504 or [alex.montgomery88@gmail.com](mailto:alex.montgomery88@gmail.com) for more info. Deadline to signup is Sun., Mar. 4.

**Electronic Giving** is a program that offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our church. **Sign up by Feb. 28 and you could win a \$50 gift card!\*** (\*This is a St. John's drawing so your chances of winning are huge!) Authorization forms are available in the Social Hall, the church office or visit [www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving.pdf](http://www.st-johns-lutheran.com/sites/default/files/Electronic%20Giving.pdf).

**"Michigan Awesome" Auction** that benefits St. Johns Lutheran School is Fri., Mar. 23, at Harbourfront Grand Hall. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings or in the school office during the normal school day hours until Mar. 15. Donations are due by Mar. 9. Interested in donating or have questions, call or text Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

**It's time to order Easter flowers** to help beautify our sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Flowers are **\$8** for lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. 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 **Mar. 9**. Flowers can be taken home after Easter services and/or must be picked up by Apr. 4.

**New Men's Bible Study:** The Parish Board of Education and Faith At Home is offering a new 6 week morning Bible Study for men starting on Tue., Feb. 20, at 6:30-7:30am in the Social Hall. 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. Facilitated by Pastor Kurt and/or Craig Kaschube. We will have coffee and donuts at each session.

**Family Matters at St. John's:** Please join us as we connect with our family at St. John's via Family Matters. We need your ideas and help, because this work doesn't happen without you. Our next meeting is Mon., Feb. 12, at 7:00pm at the parsonage. Thanks, Shelley Wenzelburger [wenzelsk@hotmail.com](mailto:wenzelsk@hotmail.com)

**Church Treasurer:** Our church Treasurer, Edna Duer, has asked to retire after 7+ years. An accounting/computer skill set is a must; training will be 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 handling daily input and bill paying (which is handled by our bookkeeper). If you are interested in this very important roll for St. John's, please indicate on the back of your Connect Card or contact Edna Duer, at (616) 402-9648 or [duerdued@gmail.com](mailto:duerdued@gmail.com), or Harry Schmidt at (616) 846-2648 or [hcschmidt@att.net](mailto:hcschmidt@att.net), or Pastor Kurt.

**Take Heart, Take Action:** Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Take Heart, Take Action is a theological conference at Our Savior Lutheran Church (7910 E. St. Joe. Hwy., Lansing), on Feb. 24, 8:30am-3:00pm and is for laypeople and church workers, and the featured speakers will share practical advice and insight into our calling as witnesses of the Gospel. Register at <https://events.michigandistrict.org/calendar/2018-takehearttakeaction>. *Faith At Home is offering scholarships to this conference for anyone that would like to attend.*

**Attention Thrivent Members:** If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep us in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or visit here: <http://bit.ly/XJrPZN>.

**Is Genesis History?** Is the Book of Genesis History or is it myth? Is the earth millions of years old or just six or seven thousand years old? Is there evidence for the Tower of Babel or is it myth, too? Del Tackett travels all over the world talking to scientists about the above questions and more in a new a movie from Focus on the Family called **Is Genesis History?** It is going to be shown on a one-time basis at 7:00pm on Feb. 22 at the Cinema Carousel (4289 Grand Haven Rd., Norton Shores), and the Holland 7 (500 S. Waverly Rd., Holland). This fascinating movie lays out step by step support for the biblical account of Genesis that you do not hear or read about in science books. This is a great movie for the entire family to see, don't miss it.

**Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries:** We will begin emailing these to those on our email list on Ash Wednesday. Contact us at [office@sjlcs.org](mailto:office@sjlcs.org) if you would like to receive these, too. Don't use email? You can pick up a devotion booklet from the church narthex. Lenten Devotions for Children are also available.

**Free Food Distribution & Dinner:** Anyone in need of food is welcome to come to a Feeding America Truck on Thur., Feb. 15 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. Need a ride to the truck? Transportation is available in the Tri-Cities area (limited seating – first come first served). Call Hope at 842-9150 by noon on Feb. 15.