

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

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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](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).



# JESUS

*Is Baptized*

January 13/14, 2018

The Baptism 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...** Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 6:1-11, and Mark 1:4-11. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "**Wanted: Dead and Alive**", and it's based on **Romans 6:3-11**.

**Prayer before worship:** *"Almighty and everlasting God, of your great mercy in Jesus Christ you have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Therefore send us your Holy Spirit that he may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of your fatherly mercy, may strive to overcome the world and, serving you in holiness and pureness of living, may give you continual thanks for all your goodness; 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 – January 14 – 20, 2018

## Calendar

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

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship  
 9:30am Star of Bethlehem 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. 10:00am Quilters in the church basement  
 11:30am Recorders  
 2:30pm Boy's basketball  
 6:00pm Youth Board meeting  
 7:00pm PPC meeting
- TUE. 4:00pm Boy's basketball game (home)  
 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- WED. 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  
 8:00pm Junior Youth Lock-in at Trinity Lutheran, Conklin
- SAT. 5:00pm Worship

## Stewards

### For the weekend Jan. 13/14

**Elders:** Tim Harvey

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Avery & JJ Parylak

**8:15** Hudson Shake

**10:30** Molly & Penny Williams

**Lectors:**

**5:00** Laura Harvey

**8:15** Michael Kuras

**10:30**

### For the weekend Jan. 20/21

**Elders:** Chuck Hasseldahl

**Acolytes:**

**5:00** Madeline Fellows

**8:15** Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

**10:30** Aysia Dress

### December Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128

## Sunday School Calendar

Jan 14	The Resurrection of Jesus
Jan 21	Youth Led Sunday School
Jan 28	The Empty Tomb

## St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

### Those Celebrating Birthdays:

SHIELDS, Karen	01/15
ESSENYI, Judith	01/17
KRAAI, Pamela	01/17
LANDAN, Dawn	01/17
MARTON, Kenneth	01/17
SNIDER, Anna	01/17
CHAPMAN, Brenda	01/18
ERDMAN, Dorothy	01/18
BOEVE, Charlie	01/20

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

REARY, Jon & Amanda (10) 01/19

### Lutherans For Life Quote:

"The church must be reminded that it is ... the conscience of the state ... It must be the guide and the critic of the state ... If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Prayers for the Grieving:

Please continue to pray for the family of **Kathie Gannon**.

### Prayers for Supplication:

For **Dennis Johnson**, under hospice care at Sanctuary at McAuley in Muskegon.  
For **Theresa Taylor (Terry Westedt's daughter)**, as she has been diagnosed with cancer. **Ken Luytjes** recovering from surgery.

### Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

For the family of **Fred Goldberg**, who passed away on January 6, 2018. (He is Karen Ralya's nephew.)

Successful surgery for **Ken Luytjes**.

Pain relief for **Dennis Johnson**.

Praising God that **Kara Mollner's** tumor was benign. (She is the 4 year old daughter of Holly Spink's friend.)

For **Steve Tironi**, who has cancer. (He is the nephew of Chuck & Jeanne Schuch.)

For Greg & Judy Talarico's great grandbabies: **Beckham** has pneumonia and **Cohen** has bronchitis.

Recovery from sickness for **Doug, Monica, and Charlie Boeve**.

For **Lonna Smith, Ashlee Davison, and Jim & Joan Fett and family**.

For a lady recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

### Other Prayers:

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Our Stewardship of the Word

**Attendance:** Sat.: 5:00 – 62, Sun.: 8:15 – 99, 10:30 – 119; **Total: 280**

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

#### Our Stewardship of Gifts

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

**General Fund Gifts Received:** \$19,449.23

**Also received for:** BUTC \$360, God's Pantry \$200, Financial Freedom \$60, Debt Reduction \$640

#### Memorials

**In memory of Kathie Gannon** to Debt Reduction by Roy & Deb Hatfield, Karen Ralya

**In memory of Fred Goldberg** to Debt Reduction by Karen Ralya

**In memory of Cecil Klages** to God's Pantry

**In memory of Ron Mistretta** to Debt Reduction by Bob & Rosie Anderson; to the General Fund by Norma Patton

**In memory of Ron & Barb Mistretta** to the General Fund by Larry Kieft

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Doug & Debbie Kolberg in memory of **Arnold Kolberg and Al Ziebart.**

**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:** Ramen noodles & Hamburger Helper

**2018 Offering Envelopes** can be picked up in the Social Hall. Thank you for joining us in the support of our Lord's mission.

**Confirmation News:** 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.

**Plan to join Pastor Kurt** for a 2-week Bible Study entitled Star of Bethlehem Sun. at 9:30am. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

**Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study** will be on recess until Mar. 4. When we reconvene we will begin our study on the Sacraments beginning with Holy Baptism. In the meantime, begin thinking about YOUR identity in Christ, given to YOU in YOUR Holy Baptism!

**"Michigan Awesome" Auction** benefiting St. Johns Lutheran School is Fri., Mar. 23, at Harbourfront Grand Hall. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Ticket sales begin Jan. 24. Interested in donating or have questions call or text Megan Vink (616) 566-8289.

**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.

## **Faith Family Reunion - BEING A PARENT**

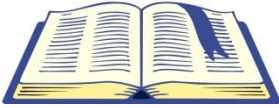
**OF A PRODIGAL:** All of us have someone in our lives who has strayed away from faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigal but to the parents, families and friends of prodigals who struggle to know what to do?

**Parents, church workers, and anyone interested** is invited to join us for a retreat on these important issues and an introduction to a ministry opportunity that churches everywhere can easily implement. Paula Isakson (Founder of Faith Family Reunion) will share the Faith Family Reunion curriculum that she and her father, Dr. Jakob K. Heckert (Co-Founder and Theological Editor) which they developed together, that addresses the subject matter head on. Additional resources will be presented from the [Faith Family Reunion](http://www.faithfamilyreunion.com) interactive website: [www.faithfamilyreunion.com](http://www.faithfamilyreunion.com). Sat., Jan. 27 at St. Matthew Lutheran (5125 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids), 9:00am – 3:00pm. Cost \$10/person includes breakfast and lunch. Register online at [www.michigandistrict.org/events/being-a-parent-of-a-prodigal-lansing](http://www.michigandistrict.org/events/being-a-parent-of-a-prodigal-lansing).

## **Dave Ramsey's Class in Grand Haven:**

What if you could always buy what you need interest-free? What if you could actually keep a percentage of your paycheck? Guess what? You CAN! With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. Register your spot at [www.fpucentral.com/classes/1052482/registration](http://www.fpucentral.com/classes/1052482/registration). United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven is offering this exciting life changing class on Sundays starting Jan. 14 – Mar. 11 from 11:45am - 12:45pm.

# *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 in the Social Hall 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.



# 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
<b>* EXAMPLE ORDER FOR SARAH &amp; STEVE SUBMARINE *</b>			
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.*

**"Vacation Bible School 2018:** Mark your calendars and strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride! St. John's will be having our VBS in the evenings from July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please indicate so on your Connect Card."

**St. John's Book Fair:** Come support the school by shopping the Scholastic Book Fair. Profits from the fair directly support our school's library. Church members can browse and purchase books before and after the 10:30am worship service Jan. 21 or shop online Jan. 17-30 at [www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnluth2](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnluth2).

Online purchases will be shipped directly to the school. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

**Take Heart, Take Action:** Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to be a witness? How can my witness persuade someone to believe? How can I be a witness to people who really don't seem to care about church or the faith? Take Heart, Take Action is a theological conference for laypeople and church workers, and the featured speakers will share practical advice and insight into our calling as witnesses of the Gospel. Register for Take Heart, Take Action, Feb. 24, at Our Savior Lutheran Church (7910 E. St. Joe. Hwy., Lansing), 8:30am-3:00pm. at <https://events.michigandistrict.org/calendar/2018-takehearttakeaction>.

Registration (includes lunch) is \$20. In support of MI District "Great Compassion Ministry", an ingathering of much needed items will be collected. For a list, visit [www.michigandistrict.org/events/theological18](http://www.michigandistrict.org/events/theological18).