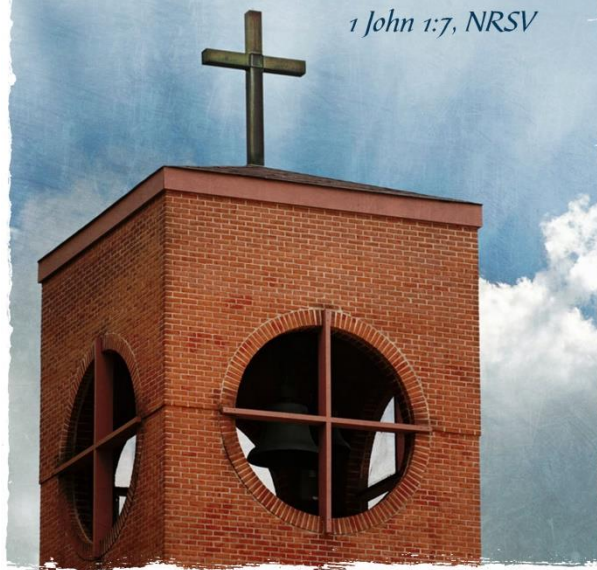


*If we walk in the light as
he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with
one another ...*

1 John 1:7, NRSV



July 7/8, 2018
The Seventh Weekend After Pentecost



St. John's Lutheran Church & School

a congregation of the
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

527 Taylor, Grand Haven, MI 49417

www.st-johns-lutheran.com

Church: (616) 842-4510

School: (616) 842-0260

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Youth & Family Life Director Craig Kaschube

Administrator/Business Manager Laura Harvey

Early Childhood Education Director Heidi Bohn

Worship Times:

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:15am & 10:30am



Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This weekend's lessons are found in...Judges 13:1-5, 1 John 1:5-9 and John 19:28-30. Pastor Kurt continues "**The Story of Us**" Series this weekend and his message, entitled: "A Judge that Lasts Forever", is based on 1 John 1:5-9.

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** 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 – July 8 – 14, 2018

Calendar

*all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship
9:30am Pastor Kurt will lead Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5th/6th grade Classroom
10:30am Contemporary Worship
- MON. 10:00am Quilters in the church basement
11:30am Recorders
- WED. 1:00pm Church Staff meeting
- THUR. 9:00am Rummage Sale Setup
7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. 9:00am Ladies Aid Rummage Sale until 5:00pm
- SAT. 9:00am Ladies Aid Rummage Sale until noon
5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend July 7/8

Elders: Craig Montgomery

Acolytes:

8:15 Hudson Shake

For the weekend July 14/15

Elders: Bill Schmidt

July Altar Guild:

Karen Lange (989) 284-6085

Carol Shake (616) 842-9169



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

ROSEMA, Ron	07/09
DERHAMMER, David	07/10
STROM, Timothy	07/10
VANDERVEST, Matthew	07/10
FOJTIK, Patsy	07/11
OTT, Kathy	07/11
STARNE, Laurie	07/12
CHALIFOUX, Denise	07/14
SCHMIDT, James	07/14
SIBLEY, Andrea	07/14
SOCIA, Camillelle	07/14

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

KITTLEMAN, Ross & Mary Linda (46)	07/08
SPINK, Scott & Holly (18)	07/08
VAN ALLSBURG, Les & Cathie (8)	07/08
PALKOWSKI, Kirk & Kim (41)	07/09
WATERS, Rick & Kay (37)	07/11
TAYLOR, Scott & Roxana (33)	07/13
TALARICO, Greg & Judy (28)	07/14

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"When people consider euthanasia for those experiencing illness or decline with aging, God's Word is clear again through King David in Psalm 139:16b (NIV): '[A]ll the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers for Supplication:

For **David MacKellar** and **Craig Kaschube**, recovering from surgery. **Joan Krueger**, hospitalized.

Prayers from our Connect Cards:

For **Bob Anderson**, recently hospitalized with breathing problems.

For **Barb Schulz**, for continued healing following hip surgery.

For **Alyssa Daniels**, recovering from surgery.

For **Bernie & Shirley Daniels's grandson**, as he suffered a broken nose and concussion in a driving accident.

For **Cindy Arens**, suffering with terminal brain cancer.

For **Denise Arens**, battling breast cancer and side effects of treatments, plus trying to afford the treatments.

For **Marlene Guske's granddaughter, Carrie**, that she will accept her responsibility to care for her animals with a glad heart.

For **Bill** (kidney); **Mary** (Cancer); **Karla** (serious diabetic problems); and **Olivia** (waiting for results of open lung biopsies).

For our **planet**, that fires be kept under control, floods minimal, and winds calming and cool. May we all care for what God gave us to survive.

May the Lord always be with us and guide us.

Please note that our parking lot will be resurfaced on Sunday afternoon. New parking lines will be painted on Monday morning. Please plan to park on the street if visiting the church on Monday, July 9.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 41, Sun.: 8:15 – 73, 10:30 – 107; **Total: 231**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$19,780.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts: \$9,882.88 **Also received for:** BUTC \$200.50, God's Pantry \$40, Financial Freedom \$210, Stained Glass Restoration \$1,700, VBS \$20

Simply Giving (online giving) totals for June: General Fund: \$10,603, Building: \$732, Missions: \$100, School: \$285, TOTAL: \$11,720

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Rick & Kay Waters in honor of **their anniversary.**

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. Thank you to St John's Congregation for your VERY GENEROUS donation of 1,261 Diapers for our Annual Diaper Drive. They have been delivered to Positive Options (formerly Lakeshore Pregnancy Center) serving the Tri-cities Area. **Pantry Needs: Canned Meat and Brownie Mixes**

Summer Office Hours: During the entire month of Jul. and the first week of Aug., our church and school offices will have special office hours. The church office will be open Mon.-Thur., 9:00am-3:00pm and the school office will be open Tue.-Fri., 9:00am-3:00pm. If you have a pastoral need at a time when the office is closed, contact Pastor Kurt at (414) 736-1772 or Craig Kaschube at (616) 405-5514.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: Plan to join Pastor Kurt for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am in the Multi-purpose room or join Benjamin Bosch's [Augsburg Confession Bible Study](#) on the Sacraments in the 5th/6th grade Classroom. **(Childcare is available downstairs this summer during Bible Study time --- this also includes Sunday School aged children.)**

Our Tue. evening men's Bible Study will take a break for the summer. We will reconvene on Tue., Sept. 11.

101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid: Wash Your Hands – When you come in from playing or if you've been working on a dirty project, take time to wash your hands before running through the house. Otherwise you will leave dirty little finger prints everywhere and someone (you know who) will have to clean them up.

It's easy to purchase SCRIP 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.

Stained Glass Restoration Help Needed: Next time you leave the Church after service look up. There are four beautiful stained glass windows helping to light up our Church. After many years they have started to sag and are in need of repair. They will be temporarily taken down, flattened, and re-soldered. If you would like to contribute to the cost (approx. \$5,200) please write "stained glass" on the special envelope from the pew, or contact Larry Thomas at larryt7052@charter.net.

We appreciate your treasures for the Ladies Aid Rummage Sale set for Jul. 13 & 14. Please no large appliances or TVs. Drop off your donations on Thur., Jul. 12. We'll set up on Jul. 12 and your help is needed. We also need help with the sale. Sign up to help on the back of your Connect Card.

Memorial Golf Outing: It's golf season! Time to sharpen your skills so you can play in the upcoming **Arnie Redeker Memorial Golf Outing** to benefit St. John's Lutheran School. Save the date: Sun., Sept. 9 at Pigeon Creek Golf Course. Four-person scramble event with a 2:00pm Shotgun Start. A Pig Roast will follow starting at 6:00pm. There will be fun, fellowship and prizes! This is a fun fundraiser put on by the School Board and sponsored by Preferred Ford. Indicate on the back of your Connect Card if you would like more information.

Pig Roast Picnic: Join us for a Picnic Pig Roast to benefit St. John's Lutheran School on Sun., Sept. 9 at 6:00pm at Pigeon Creek Farm & Golf Course (10195 120th Ave., West Olive). Mouth-watering grilled-on-site pulled pork with your choice of BBQ sauces and all the fixings! Tickets for the Picnic Pig Roast will be sold between services on Sundays during Aug. Or you can indicate on the back of your Connect Card for more information. Hope to see you there!

Altar Flower Help: There are still several opportunities this year for you to give thanks and glory to God and help us beautify our Altar for weekend services. Just sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex and someone from the Altar Guild will call you the week before and assist in getting the flowers to the church. Please check the flower chart for available weekends. Thank you!

Summer Edition of Music at St. Matthew: A special summer edition of Music at St. Matthew will take place on Sun., Jul. 22 at 4:00pm. Joanne Jansen is preparing a recital entitled "O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness - The Sounds of English Cathedral Music." The music to be played will be by English composers both past and present. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends and neighbors for approximately 50 minutes of music as would be heard in English Cathedrals.

Lakeshore Pregnancy Center Job Openings: Currently the LPC has the following Job Openings: Assistant Medical Manager-Grand Haven-Part-Time (approximately 24 hours/week). Assistant Medical Manager-Allegan-Part-Time (approximately 24 hours/week). Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer-Part-Time (approximately 24 hours/week). Director of Finance-Part-Time (approximately 20 hours/week). For more info, please contact Sharlene Lade at (616) 396-8127 Ext. 27 or email sharlene.lade@lpcenters.com.

Creative Motion: Kevin & Kristen Collier created sort of a MI Christian version of People magazine, it's free to anyone who would like to look at it: <https://michristiantalent.weebly.com/>

Attention Board Directors and other Church Leaders: Our goal is to have the rest of 2018 events and all of 2019 events scheduled and on the church calendar by August 15, 2018.

Plunge in to VBS 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church!



July 16-20, 2018

Vacation Bible School: We are excited to celebrate summer at St. John's! VBS begins on Mon., Jul. 16, and continues through Fri., Jul. 20, from 5:40pm registration until closing at 8:00pm each evening. Please feel free to bring your children (ages 3 through 10) and their friends for evenings of learning about Jesus and His love. More parent volunteers are welcome, too! To register, fill out the registration form below and drop it off in the Church or School office. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please indicate on the back of your Connect Card.

VBS donations are so appreciated. There is a donation board with suggestions pinned to the board in the Social Hall. Please take whatever you would like to donate off the board and bring in the donations before the opening day on Mon., Jul. 16. We can put perishable food in the refrigerator in the school kitchen. Thank you all for your support of our children's program. VBS is the best!!

Thanks to all who voted for their favorite logo! The winner (that received the most votes) is pictured below. Watch for it in upcoming newsletters, bulletins, letterhead, etc.



St. John's Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Monday, July 16 – Friday, July 20, 2018, 5:40 – 8:00pm
(One form per child please)

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies, Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Parent Name (first and last): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (first and last name): _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Alternant Pickup (first and last name): _____ Alternant Pickup Phone: _____

Medical Release: I give permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____