

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.



November 25/26, 2017

The Last Weekend of the Church Year/Christ
the King Sunday

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

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in... Revelation 22:6-13, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, and Matthew 25: 31-46. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is entitled "**An Urgent Message**" and it's based on **Revelation 22:6-13**.

Prayer before worship: "Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken our hearts that we may never forget your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise you for all your goodness, that we may live in your fear until with all your saints we praise you eternally in your heavenly kingdom; 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 – November 26 – December 2, 2017

Calendar

*all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Pastor led Bible Study In the Beginning in the Multipurpose Room
 9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5th/6th grade classroom
 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- MON. 10:00am Quilters
 11:30am Recorders
 2:30pm Boy's Basketball
- TUE. 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
 10:00am Chapel
 1:15pm Church Staff meeting
 2:30pm Boy's Basketball
 5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers
 7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 12:30pm Pigs-in-the-blanket work-bee in the Multi-purpose Room
 7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. Pastor Kurt's day off
- SAT. 4:00pm Feeding America Food Truck
 9:00am Sanctuary Decorating
 9:00am Cookie Walk in the Multi-purpose Room
 5:00pm Worship
 6:00pm Jingle Bell Parade in downtown Grand Haven

Stewards

For the weekend Nov. 25/26

Elders: Tim Harvey

Acolytes:

5:00 Elders

8:15 Elders

10:30 Elders

Lectors:

8:15 Daniel Spitters

10:30 Kathryn Spink

For the weekend Dec. 2/3

Elders: Chuck Hasseldahl

Acolytes:

5:00 Matthew Uthe

8:15 Adrian & Alex Douglas

10:30 Molly & Penny Williams

7:00 Tiffanie Fase (Advent worship)

Lectors:

8:15 Doug Kolberg

10:30 Cheryl Thomas

November Altar Guild:

Peggy Erhorn (616) 414-9246

Sunday School Calendar

Nov. 26	No Sunday School
Dec. 3	Christmas Part 1
Dec. 10	Christmas Part 2
Dec. 17	Gingerbread Houses



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

BRAMER, Cathy	11/26
GIERKE, Bill	11/26
STEVENS, Wanda	11/27
VINK, Andrew	11/27
GROSSNICKLE, Jean	11/28
SHUMAKER, Adam	11/28
STROM, Adam	11/28
ERHORN, Peggy	11/29
FASE, Trenton	11/29
HILLMAN, Matthew	11/29
SMITH, Matthew	11/29
BAGLEY, John	11/30
GANNON, Michelle	11/30
ORTQUIST, Nicholas	11/30
PIRROTTA, Noah	11/30
SPITTERS, Daniel	11/30
LUYTJES, Debbie	12/01
SCHULZ, Robert	12/01
VERBERKMOES, Elsa	12/02
ZERVAS, Nathaniel	12/02

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

DUER, II, Duff & Edna (51)	11/26
HASENBANK, Gene & Donna (46)	11/27

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

Karen Ralya: For **Rita Scalici**, as she recovers at home; for **Carol Schmidt**, as she anticipates her bone marrow transplant...give her peace and strength; for **Karen Shields** as she continues to recover at home; as well as all those we know in our hearts who need God's healing touch!

Richard & Dorothy Grabowski: For **Dennis Johnson**, as he is suffering with hip pain.

Dennis & Pam Kraai: For **Dennis Kraai**, as he is having surgery this Tuesday.

Carol Markiewicz-Gierke: For Carol's brother-in-law, Ed Keens in Connecticut, as he is battling pneumonia.

Craig & Janet Montgomery: For Janet's best friend, **Laura Harthy**, as she battles through health issues and prepares for surgery.

Marlene Guske: Safety for granddaughter, **Carrie**, as she travels to Florida.

Prayers for Supplication:

For **Jarod Collier**, recovering from ACL surgery.

Other Prayers:

NEWS AND NOTES
Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 68, Sun.: 8:15 – 91, 10:30 – 106; **Total: 265**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$23,978.06

Also received for: BUTC \$170, God's Pantry \$220, Financial Freedom \$60, Chapel \$85, Debt Reduction \$60, GriefShare \$150

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Gene & Donna Hasenbank in honor of **their 46th wedding anniversary.**

101 Ways to Don't Manipulate: Be sensitive to your wife's needs all the time, not just when you want something from her. Mutual honesty and caring, along with unselfish actions, will bring trust and confidence to the relationship.

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. We are holding our annual student jacket drive. There is a collection box just inside the entryway for donations of gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs. **Pantry needs:** Package noodles and cereal

Join Pastor Kurt Sun. mornings at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room for his Nov. Bible Study Series – In the Beginning.

Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study continues in the 5th/6th grade classroom at 9:30am, too. **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

The Feeding America Truck will be at St. John's on Fri., Dec. 1. Anyone in need of food is welcome to come. Registration begins at 4:00pm. Dinner is served at 5:00pm. Distribution of food begins at 6:00pm. Our thanks goes to Hope Reformed Church for funding the truck and "gifting" it to us. If you can't serve that day, consider collecting plastic grocery bags which will be used in the distribution process.

Advent & Christmas Season Activity

Reminders: Things to start thinking about and mark on your calendars -- The First Weekend of Advent is Dec. 2/3.

Sanctuary Christmas decorating will take place on Sat., Dec. 2 at 9:00am. Our annual **Cookie Walk** is also on Sat., Dec. 2 at 9:00am. (Lots of lots of holiday and specialty cookies needed!) **Midweek Advent Worship is offered on Wed.** at 7:00pm on Dec. 6 & 13. Our Day School Christmas program is Dec. 20 at 6:30pm.

It's Time to Order Poinsettias: Help decorate our sanctuary during Advent by purchasing beautiful poinsettia plants in honor or in memory of loved ones. Plants are \$8 each. Sign-up/payment envelopes are on the Elder's bulletin board and the one near the church office. Deadline to order is Nov. 27.

KINDLE presentation: I want to thank those who attended the presentation last Sunday. I tried to cover a lot of information. If you would like me to clarify something or want more information. Please contact me at 842-4510 or ckaschube@silcs.org.

The Votes Are In! We will support the three missions/ministries on the following weeks during Advent: Dec. 6 - St. John's Food Pantry; Dec. 13 - Love in Action; Dec. 20 - Camp Restore. Thanks for voting!

Pigs in the blanket work-bee is on Thur., Nov. 30 at 1:00pm in the kitchen and gym.

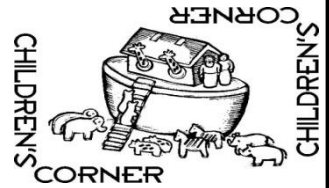
Holiday Food Boxes: Anyone in need of a Christmas Food Box can contact Marlene Guske at 842-6879 by Mon., Dec. 18.

Journey to Bethlehem (J2B) Ticket Sales: J2B is an interactive guided outdoor journey where you encounter shepherd, magi, townspeople, livestock and even Roman Soldiers right here in Grand Haven on Dec. 7, 8 and 9. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at

www.journey2bethlehem.com.

Journey to Bethlehem (J2B) Help Needed: St. John's is once again hosting the cast and crew for meals Dec. 5, 7, 8 and 9 and will need teams of 5-6 to assist in preparing and serving the meals. J2B has requested that every church partnering with them, would donate a minimum of 30 dozen cookies. They can be any kind of cookies, bars, brownies, homemade or store bought, etc. that will welcome the travelers ending their journey in hospitality with hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies, a time to be with family and friends and celebrate! Help is also needed with costumes and parking lot attendants. Prayerfully consider being a part of this great community outreach and sign up to help in the Social Hall or on the back of your Connect Card. For more info, contact Ronda Chapman at 847-8736 or rgchapman81@hotmail.com.

**Sunday School
Parent Message
Nov. 26, 2017**



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY!

Financial Peace University: What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. This class is now being offered at United Methodist Church of the Dunes (717 Sheldon Ave., Grand Haven) beginning Sun., Jan. 14 (through Sun., Mar. 11) 11:45am - 12:45pm. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Susan Thorpe, Financial Peace Coordinator, UMC of the Dunes, at (248) 310-2312 or

holbox04@gmail.com.

Christmas Shop Hop: Hope Reformed Church (14932 Mercury Dr., Grand Haven) is hosting its 3rd annual Christmas Shop Hop on Sun., Dec. 3, 3:00-4:30pm. This event is for parents/guardians needing assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. *Parents/Guardians must be present at the event to receive donations.* IMPORTANT - In order to attend, you must register *YOURSELF* and *EACH CHILD* you are shopping for. Ages 0-18 • No Cost • Childcare Provided • Gift Wrapping Available. Doors open at 2:30pm. Register at

<https://hopechurchgh.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/92659>

Advent 2017 Bible Study: Many of you remember the Bible study I did a few years ago on Christian insights from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Well, it's time to go "caroling" once again! Pastor Kurt has graciously given me the 9:30am Bible study in the Multi-purpose room beginning next Sun, Dec. 3. This study, entitled Ghosts in our Closet? How God Transforms Us from Scrooges to Saints will compliment Pastor's sermon series on the same dates. My study will not be a repeat of the previous class. Yes, I'll draw on a lot of the former material but, as the title implies, I want to personalize the subject. We'll indeed ask the question, "Are there 'ghosts' in our own closet and, if so, how do we get rid of them?" We'll discover that we have a divine "ghost buster" who, as our redeemer, has the power to not only eliminate the ghosts, but to also grant us much more! As we trace the plot and characters of A Christmas Carol you will see the parallels between God's plan of redemption for all people and the "reclamation" of Ebenezer Scrooge. Lots of reading from A Christmas Carol and the Bible is planned. Hope to see you in class starting Dec. 3! Randy Cooper

Make the Difference: Church Extension Fund (CEF) encourages everyone to get personally involved in reaching out to the unchurched around many communities in the Michigan District. As investors in CEF, attractive interest rates are paid on investments while these dollars are loaned to Michigan District churches and schools at reasonable rates. Call (800) 242-3944 or visit www.mi-cef.org for information.

Thanks to all for the cards and calls during my recovery from back surgery. The caring and prayers meant so much. Thanks also to Craig and Pastor Kurt for their visits. We are indeed blessed. God is good. Barb Schulz

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating: Come and help with the hanging of the greens, lights, wreaths, and Christmas ornaments. Mark your calendars for Sat., Dec. 2 starting at 9:00am.

Don't miss our Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 2, 9:00am-12:00pm in our gym. Cookies are \$8/lb. We'll have lots of holiday and specialty cookies. Come early for the best selection. No admittance fee. All proceeds benefit our day school field trip to Washington DC. For more information, call (616) 402-5099.

Interactive Family Christmas Eve Worship: St. John's members and friends are invited to attend our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service. This service is especially suited for families with children and grandchildren (or anyone who remembers being a child at Christmas time). Portions of the Christmas story will be interspersed with familiar Christmas carols. This family-friendly service will last less than one hour.

Junior & Senior Youth Christmas Party! We are meeting at Holy Grounds on Sun., Dec. 10 at 11:30am and lunch is included! Please bring a used (not new) "White Elephant" gift valued at \$5 or less. Please RSVP to Sue LaLonde at suelalonde@charter.net or (616) 847-7876 or Craig Kaschube at (616) 842-4510, ext. 126 or email him at ckaschube@silcs.org.