

Church: (616) 842-4510

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger
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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.



**NOW YOU
ARE THE
BODY OF
CHRIST**

**AND
INDIVIDUALLY
MEMBERS
OF IT.**

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

September 30/October 1, 2017
The Seventeenth Weekend After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church—Grand Haven, MI

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church and School

This Weekend's lessons are found in...Deuteronomy 7:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, and John 13:31-35. The message, presented by Pastor Kurt, is his "**I Am a Church Member**" series, entitled "***I Am a Functioning Member***" and it's based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-20.

Prayer before worship: *"O Lord God Almighty, since you bless your servants with various and unusual gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to use them always to your honor and glory; 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.

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@silcs.org.

Our Stewardship of Time and Talents – October 1 – 7, 2017

Calendar

- SUN. 6:30am Lutheran Hour on WSRW
105.7 FM, Grand Rapids
- 7:00am Lutheran Hour on WGN
720 AM, Chicago
- 8:15am Traditional Worship
- 9:30am Pastor led Bible Study I Am A Church Member in the Multipurpose Room
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Junior/Senior Youth Bible Study in Holy Grounds in the Church Basement
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am Worship For Shut-Ins on the TCT Network (DIRECTV channel 377, Dish channel 54, and Charter channel 2)
- MON. 10:00am Quilters
- 11:30am Recorders
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- 7:00pm All boards meet
- TUE. 10:00am Faith at Home meeting in the Social Hall
- 12:00pm Adult Bible Study at Russ' Restaurant
- 6:30pm Men's Bible Study in the Social Hall
- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 10:00am Chapel
- 1:15pm Church Staff meeting
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- 5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers
- 6:30pm Confirmation class in the Social Hall
- 7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 1:00pm Ladies Aid meeting
- 7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. Pastor Kurt's day off
- 2:45pm Girls' Basketball
- SAT. 9:00am Foundations: New Member Class in the Social Hall
- 9:00am Parsonage Landscaping
- 4:00pm I Am A Church Member Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Elders: Matt Williams

Acolytes:

10:30 Emily Smith & Tiffannie Fase

Lectors:

8:15 Benjamin Bosch

10:30 Kaye Nedderman

For the weekend Oct. 7/8

Elders: Craig Montgomery

Acolytes:

8:15 Jocelyn & Laurel Tolliver

10:30 Emily Smith

Lectors:

8:15 Michael Kuras

10:30 Brian Peets

October Altar Guild:

Joyce Carlson (616) 844-4128



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

LALONDE, Joe	10/01
LYONS, Cora	10/01
BEDAN, Meagan	10/03
HARVEY, Tim	10/03
DANIELS, Heather	10/04
KOOI, Bill	10/04
PRINGNITZ, Nancy	10/04
SIBLEY, Lily	10/05
SPITTERS, Marva	10/05
YONKER, Alex	10/05
YONKER, Daniel	10/05
DARA, Briana	10/06
KITTLEMAN, Ross	10/06
NORTH, Denise	10/06
WILLIAMSON, Travis	10/06
BEHM, Ken	10/07
BROOKY, Kyle	10/07
DAVISON, Diann	10/07
HOISINGTON, Kalvin	10/07
HORNER, Tony	10/07

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

HARDY, Dan & Kim (40)	10/01
HOWARD, Mark & Diane (18)	10/02
BRAMER, David & Cathy (30)	10/03
MONTGOMERY, Craig & Janet (36)	10/03
VANVOLKENBURG, Gary & Inge (53)	10/03

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Why do we strive to protect tiny embryos in Petri dishes or frozen in a fertility clinic? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers of Supplication:

For **Bob & Rosie Anderson's** son, **Brad** recovering from a stroke. For **Helga Frank**, also recovering from a stroke. For **Alyssa Daniels (Agnes Daniels'** granddaughter-in-law), has high grade cancer cells and she's pregnant. For **Deb Francik's** brother-in-law **John Dejonge**, diagnosed with lung cancer. For **Karen Shields** as she will undergo a heart catheterization on Tuesday.

Prayers for the Grieving:

Please pray for **Deb Francik's Uncle Ricky Warnock's** family as he passed away on September 26.

Prayer Requests from our Connect Cards:

Ruth Ann Buckner: For husband, **Jack**.
Karen Ralya & Dave & Rita Scalici: Glory to God for **Carol Schmidt** coming home and continued healing.
David & Trisha Ohlendorf: For our **confirmation students** as they attend the confirmation retreat. May they richly enjoy the blessings bestowed upon them by their Heavenly Father.
Sylvia Miller: Her cousin **Ray** recovering from brain tumor surgery.
Karen Lange: Her sister **Pam's** partner, **Frank**, going through cancer treatments and testing.
Ron & Pat Young: Continued prayer for families in turmoil.
Marlene Guske: For brother, **Roger Hillstead**, recovering from 3 heart attacks.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 44, Sun.: 8:15 – 77, 10:30 – 132; **Total: 253**

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$18,523.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

General Fund Gifts Received: \$15,746.70

Also received for: BUTC \$160, God's Pantry \$290, Ladies Aid \$500, Financial Freedom \$4,510, Debt Reduction \$55, Confirmation \$10, Golf Outing \$590

Memorials

In memory of Joyce Miller to the General Fund, Ladies Aid and the Day School by the Joyce Miller Estate

We also received a memorial gift to God's Pantry in memory of **Warren & Barb Schollard & Sox (cat)**

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by Bob & Rosie Anderson in honor of **their 56th wedding anniversary.**

101 Ways to Be an Awesome Kid: Say "I Love You" – Say it before they do. Add little things to the sentence like "I love you...because you provide meals and 'stuff' for me." Think of the things your parents do for you and express your love to them.

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: Pantry needs:** Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

Join Pastor Kurt on Sun. mornings at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room for his Oct. Bible Study Series – [I Am A Church Member.](#) **Childcare is available downstairs in the nursery** every Sun. during Bible Study time.

Become Part of Our Church Family:

Foundations (St. John's New Member Class), will be offered Sat., Oct. 7 & 14, 9:00am-noon in the Social Hall and led by Pastor Kurt. We look forward to welcoming new members to our church family! Sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

Here We Stand Food Drive: As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Wellspring Lutheran Services is organizing a food drive. St. John's has been asked to bring canned and boxed food items to the 500th Anniversary Worship Service on Oct. 15, at the Breslin Center. Our donations will support Greater Lake Food Bank. There is a collection basket in the Social Hall for donations.

Good News! We've reached our debt retirement goal by almost one year, 2018, and we've paid off our mortgage. Thanks and praise to God for your generous support and prayers during this campaign. While we'd like to burn the mortgage, we still have our line of credit loan to pay which is also secured by our mortgage. Some pledges are still showing a balance to be completed. So, if you need an update on your pledge, you can call either me, or our treasurer, Edna Duer, for what may still be outstanding on your pledge, and we can apply that to the line of credit loan. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support to bring our General Fund into the black. We're counting on you! Blessings, Harry Schmidt

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale: Its time again to think about all the items we don't need or use and get them ready for the Oct. 20 & 21 Ladies Aids Rummage Sale. It's a good feeling to turn our extra "treasures" into money to purchase needed items for the church and school. Donations can be dropped off after 10:30am on Oct. 19.

Mark your Calendar for the Chicago Bus Trip: Sat., Nov. 18 Fundraiser for St. John's Lutheran School. Grab a friend and ride our charter bus for a day of fun in the Windy City! Bus leaves St. John's parking lot at 7:00am sharp. Drops off near Magnificent Mile at approx. 10:00am CST. Leaves 8:00pm CST from same spot. Enjoy your day, don't worry about the ride there or back (except for catching it on time!!!!) Tickets are \$65. Click here: <http://ghotchibustrip2016.eventbrite.com/>

Harvest Blessings: The Early Childhood Department of St. John's Lutheran School is holding a fall festival for preschool through 3rd grade families on Fri., Oct. 27 at 5:30pm. Pizza and pop will be provided, however we ask that you bring a salad or dessert. We will be thanking God for all the wonderful things He provides for us. Come join us for: Dinner & Dessert, Face Painting, Hayrides, Fall Crafts, Storytelling, and Pumpkin Walk.

JuBELLation Ringers meets on Wed. from 5:45-6:45pm beginning on Oct. 4.

Celebration Choir's first practice will be on Wed., Oct. 4, at 7:00pm. We'd love to welcome some new singers! Contact Tracy Wood at twood@silcs.org or (616) 402-5099 for more info. You can also sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

The Augsburg Confession Bible Study will be on recess until Nov. 5. During the month of Oct., all are encouraged to attend Pastor Kurt's Bible Study on "Biblical Church Membership". As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation may we as a parish rediscover and renew our Baptismal Identity in the Lord Jesus Christ. Together as the church, The Mystical Body of Christ on Earth, may we proclaim the Gospel more boldly, celebrate the Liturgy more faithfully, and care more generously for those who suffer sickness, persecution, or disadvantage.

Coat Drive: St. John's Social Ministry is holding our annual student jacket drive during the month of Oct. The jackets we collect stay in the local area. We contact the Grand Haven schools, find their needs and deliver the jackets to the various schools. We will have a collection box just inside the entryway for donations of gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarfs. Thank you again for your generosity.

Concert Fundraiser to Benefit Tuition Assistance at Western Michigan Christian High School: Christian Music Artist, Author, and Speaker TAMMY TRENT is coming to West Michigan and sharing her incredible testimony of hope and talents to raise funds for WMC families tuition assistance! This is Tammy's ONLY show in Michigan for the entire year! Sat., Oct. 7, at 7:00pm at All Shores Wesleyan Church in Spring Lake. For tickets and more info visit bit.ly/WMCTammyTrent or contact Denice Belknap in the WMC Advancement office (231) 799-9644 x208 or denicebelknap@wmchs.net.

Love in Action is currently seeking

Volunteer Client Advisors: Volunteer Advisors meet 1-on-1 with clients; assessing needs, connecting with resources, and encouraging with the love of Christ. Volunteers receive training, and commit to one regular 4 hour shift a week. For more info, contact Carrie Tuls at carrie@loveinactiontricity.org.

Landscaping Help Needed: We will be doing the landscaping over at the parsonage on Sat., Oct. 7, from 9:00am-noon-ish. We have a lot to do including grading, planting, edging, and barking. Any help will be appreciated. We would like to thank Tim Wood and Spring Meadow Nursery for donating the plants. Sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

Sacred Aging Workshop Speaks the Truth

About Aging: What can we expect as we age? United Methodist Church of the Dunes (717 Sheldon Road, GH) will offer a workshop to explore some of the myths and truths about aging and all its foibles. Learn how to improve your memory and when to seek advice from a professional; learn about the resources in the Tri Cities that help keep you connected with your cohorts while learning and having fun; and becoming the compassionate detective with an older person to avoid disaster. The workshop welcomes any adult on the aging journey or caring for someone that is aging. The Sacred Aging Workshop is on Sat., Oct. 14, 9:00am to noon and is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Event is handicap accessible. To reserve your seat, email Gayle Cox at gaylejycox@gmail.com or call the church at 842-7980.



Reformation Sunday

Join us as we celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation of the Church on Sun., Oct. 29, at our special 10:00am worship service followed with a potluck!

(THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEKEND!)

Special Music for Reformation: The Boardwalk Brass of Grand Haven (6 piece brass ensemble) will enrich our worship on Sun., Oct. 29. It's going to be very exciting! If you can help offset the cost of this wonderful addition to our celebration of the Reformation, please consider making a donation. Use an envelope in the pew and mark it 'Brass Band.' Many thanks!

"What to Know Before You Go", a series of presentations on end-of-life, will be held at St. Mark Lutheran (4475 Henry St., Muskegon) beginning Mon., Oct. 9, at 6:30 to 8:00pm, with I'm Dying to Talk With You by Dave Kampfschulte. Dave uses humor to open the serious subject of this series. On Mon., Oct. 16 Amy Geldersma, LMSW, from Hospice will discuss medical issues and advance directives; and Chad D'Avignon will speak on Peace of Mind on Mon., Oct. 23. If there is interest, there will be a panel discussion on Mon., Oct. 30 by those who have experienced loss of a loved one. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Hospice. For more info contact St. Mark Lutheran (231) 798-2197 or Nancy Wittkopp at (231) 780-3640.