



Those who say they
live in God
should live their
— lives as —
Jesus did.

1 JOHN 2:6, NLT

September 22/23, 2018
The Eighteenth Weekend After Pentecost



St. John's Lutheran Church & School

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do
it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

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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... Isaiah 50:4-10, Philemon and Mark 9:14-29. We welcome **Pastor Dennis Lassanske** this weekend and his message is entitled, "**I Know Him...Come Follow Me**" and it's based on **1 John 2:3-6**.

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** 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 – September 23 – 29, 2018

Calendar

*all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship
9:30am Pastor Lassanske will lead Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
9:30am Augsburg Confession Bible Study in the 5th/6th grade Classroom
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship
- MON. 10:00am Quilters in the church basement
11:30am Recorders
4:00pm Girl's BB game @ Immanuel St. James
- TUE. 6:30am Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- WED. 7:15am See You at the Pole at St. John's
9:30am Ladies Bible Study
10:00am Chapel
2:45pm Girl's BB practice
5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers
6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 6:30am Ladies Bible Study
7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. 2:45pm Girl's BB practice
- SAT. 5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend of Sept. 22/23

Elders: Scott Taylor

Acolytes:

8:15 Tiffanie Fase

10:30 Aysia Dress

Lectors:

8:15 Doug Kolberg

10:30 Clarence Tullock

For the weekend of Sept. 29/30

Elders: Matt Williams

Acolytes:

5:00 Jacob Logan

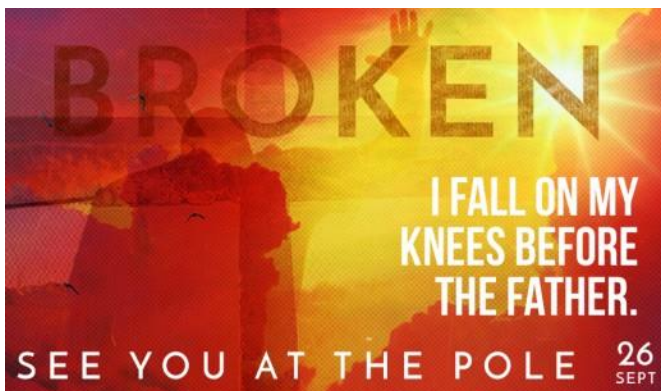
8:15 Sam Ohlendorf

10:30 Catie & Jacob Vosskuil

September Altar Guild:

Debbie Luytjes (616) 846-9486

Sharon Rothe (616) 502-3326



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

KRAAI, Denny	09/24
WADE, Becky	09/25
PEETS, Mary	09/26
TOPPEN, Angela	09/26
KINTNER, Roger	09/27
OTT, Rosemarie	09/27

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

DOUGLAS, Anthony & Andrea (18)	09/23
PEIRSON, SR., Stephen & Carol (35)	09/24
FELLOWS, Mike & Tara (19)	09/25
SMITH, Bill & Kaye (53)	09/25
SPITTERS, Daniel & Marva (37)	09/26
TOLLIVER, Ken & Amy (20)	09/26
YOST, Ron & Donna (48)	09/26
TURNER, David & Penny (23)	09/28

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"Are you afraid of commitment and 'belonging' to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal."
Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers of Supplication:

For **Dan Hardy** and **Brian Radikopf** recovering from surgery; for **Earlene Gabalis**, under hospice care. She is the mother of **Pat Young**.

Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Judy Kippen**, as she passed away on September 15, 2018. She is the mother of **Joni Pirrotta**.

Prayers from our Connect Cards:

For **John Douglas Zevalkink**, who is recovering from viral meningitis. He is the newborn son of **John & Tamara Zevalkink**.

For our Southern families displaced during Hurricane Florence and those who have suffered greatly from the effects of this horrible storm.

For **Charlie Edwards'** son, **Chris**, for relief from his painful recovery from surgery.

Continued prayers for **Joan Krueger**.

For continued healing for **Karen Shields'** shoulder.

For 17 year old **Olivia** who is starting chemo.

For **Bill**, kidney; **Mary**, cancer; **Chris**, healing.

For **Ruth**, who lives in the path of the Florence storm.

For **April**, suffering with stomach problems.

For **Jean**, suffering with Alzheimers.

For continued healing for **Teresa Taylor**.

For **Dana Agnew**, sister of **Tara Fellows**, undergoing chemo for breast cancer.

For **Lonna Smith**, as she has to have heart surgery and she has a bad kidney (very serious situation).



NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 44, Sun.: 8:15 – 108, 10:30 – 107; **Total: 259**

(Weekly worship attendance goal for September is 300!)

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our Stewardship of Gifts

\$19,780.00 is needed weekly for our ministry
General Fund Gifts Received \$14,568.55
Also received for: Capital Improvement \$276, God's Pantry \$405, Financial Freedom \$100, Golf Outing \$275, Debt Retirement \$30

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Ron & Donna Yost** in honor of **their 18th wedding 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. Our board is now holding our annual coat drive for all school students. The collection box is located in the entry way by the school doors. **Pantry Needs: Stuffing and Spaghetti Sauce**

St. John's Lutheran Day School has a year-long theme to motivate students, deepen their faith, and to connect God's Word to His kingdom. Our theme is found in Psalm 107:30, "**The Lord guides us to our desired haven.**" We will use this theme to connect all we do this year at St. John's to our Lord and Savior.

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. 19 & 20 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.

Please Note: We will celebrate Matins at the 8:15am service next Sun., Sept. 30. This is a non-Communion service; however, Holy Communion will be observed at the 5:00pm service on Sat., Sept. 29 and at the 10:30am service on Sun., Sept. 30.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: Plan to join our guest Pastor, Dennis Lassanske, for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am in the Multi-purpose room or join Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study on Good Works in the 5th/6th grade class room. **Starting next Sun., Ben's study will be on hiatus until Nov. 4. (Childcare is available downstairs during Bible Study time.)**

Women's Early Morning Bible Study: It's not too late to join this Bible Study, The Longing in Me, by Sheila Walsh Thur. mornings at 6:30am. Shelley Wenzelburger and I look forward to seeing you there. Free child care is available, please let us know if you will be needing it via email at lharvey@sjlcs.org or by indicating on the back of your Connect Card. Laura Harvey

Men's Early Morning Bible Study: Calling all men at St. John's – it's not too late to join us for the Kingdom Man Bible Study Tue. mornings in the Social Hall at 6:30am. For more info, contact Pastor Kurt at pastorkurt@sjlcs.org or Craig Kaschube at ckaschube@sjlcs.org, or by indicating on the back of your Connect Card.

JuBELLation Choir News: Bell choir begins new rehearsal time this week at 5:45pm on Wed. evenings.

Joining Jesus Servant Saturday is Oct. 27!

Join St. John's at our Community Service & Outreach Day to the community on Sat., Oct. 27, from 8:30am until noon. This event will be in conjunction with Pastor Kurt's sermon series Joining Jesus, and it will be open to all families, young and old alike, and all skill levels. As of right now, we have 9 different volunteer opportunities to serve. We need experienced painters, people to visit nursing home residents, people that can help out in a Mission Store, etc. All opportunities are being sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and Faith At Home. **Right now, we have an urgent need for champions/captains for each of the volunteer opportunities**, who will have the responsibility of being in contact with those in charge at the place we are visiting. For more info or to sign up as a champion/captain, contact Richard Rothe at (616) 502-0567 or rjrothe@att.net or by indicating on the back of your Connect Card.

Weekend to Remember Feb. 22-24, 2019 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, MI:

This weekend is filled with informative group sessions and alone time with your spouse. Find out what over 1.5 million couples worldwide have experienced at FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember®. Join Beth & Craig Kaschube for this incredible weekend. **Register by Sept. 24 and save 50%.** Please let Craig know by Oct. 15 if you and your spouse plan to attend. For more info contact Craig at ckaschube@sjlcs.org.

Become Part of Our Church Family!

Foundations (St. John's New Member Class), will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 6 & 13, 9:00am-noon in the Social Hall by Pastor Kurt. We look forward to welcoming new members to our church family! Contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@sjlcs.org for more information. You can also sign up on the back of your Connect Card.

See You at the Pole 2018 is Wed., Sept. 26.

We'd like to encourage the members of our congregation to join our faculty, parents, and students for this prayer event at 7:15am. To request more info, check the back of your Connect Card.

M&M (Missions & Ministry) Fundraiser to Benefit LCMS National Youth Gathering

Please take a tube of M&Ms and after you eat the candy, fill them with quarters (each tube holds \$14 worth of quarters or you can also write and put a check in the tube) and return them. The M&M stands for "Missions and Ministry," and more important than the money, please pray for our group's trip. This sweet gift to your family was provided by St. John's Youth as a thank you for supporting the Mission and Ministry of our Youth Ministry.

How Can You Help? 1) Eat the M&M's 2) Fill the empty container with pocket change 3) Each time you put a quarter in the container, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for those attending the National Youth Gathering 4) **Hand in your container to the church office by Sun., Oct. 14.**

Altar Guild Thanks: Thanks to everyone who has provided flowers for the Altar so far this year. If you are interested in providing flowers, there are still opportunities to sign up for October, November, and December. Just add your name and a valid phone number to the sign up sheet. Also, if you have used one or two of the church's vases to take your flowers home, please make sure you return it to church at some point so another person can use them to transfer flowers home. Thanks to everyone for your support and participation.

Equipping Lutheran Early Response Teams in Michigan - Upcoming LERT Certification Training:

You can be part of the Michigan District Disaster Response by participating in a training through Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). This training is provided by Rev. Gary Richard and it will equip you to be an effective volunteer who can serve others in communities both near and far. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend. Workers and laity can be part of the Michigan District Disaster Response on Sat., Oct. 20 at St. John's Lutheran in Adrian (3448 N Adrian Hwy, Adrian, MI), by participating in the Lutheran Early Response Team Training. At this training you will be equipped to be an effective volunteer who can serve others during difficult times. Participants will receive a certificate of participation and a volunteer certification badge (Photo ID). To register, visit

www.michigandistrict.org/events/luthera-n-early-response-team-volunteer-training-event.

Save Your Family Fare and D&W Receipts!

Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program that allows St. John's to raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store. Save your receipts and bring them into St. John's (there is a collection box in the entry way). Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts, we can turn them into a \$1,000 check for St. John's!

Party of Parties at Grace Lutheran: Get ready, GET SET, GO...and mark your calendars now for the upcoming Party of Parties fundraiser. Start inviting your friends and make a day of it. The Girls of Grace is hosting the annual vendor expo and craft sale fundraiser on Sat., Oct. 27 from 9:00am-2:00pm. The Party will be held at the church (300 E. Cleveland St., Coopersville) and proceeds will go to support mission projects during the year.

Party of Parties Tables Available: If you sell crafts or are a company representative (example: Pampered Chef, Avon, Norwex, 31 Gifts, etc.) and would like to set up a table at the event, please contact Joni Hoyer at (616) 837-1442. Let us know soon of any crafter friends or home-based business friends you may have, as tables are filling up fast.



You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV