



LUKE 19:10

“The Son of Man
came to seek and
to save the lost.”

September 29/30, 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... Ezekiel 34:11-16, Titus 3:3-7 and Luke 19:1-10. Pastor Kurt begins the **"Joining Jesus" Sermon Series** this weekend and his message is entitled, **"What's Jesus up to?"**. It's based on **Luke 19:10**.

Prayer before worship: "Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of your grace, and that they may truly please you, pour on them the continual dew of your blessing; 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 30 – October 6, 2018

Calendar

*all meetings are in the Social Hall unless otherwise designated

- SUN. 8:15am Traditional Worship
9:30am Pastor Kurt's Bible Study in the Multi-purpose Room
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Youth Bible Study in the Church Basement
10:30am Contemporary Worship
2:30pm Christian Haven Home Worship
- MON. 10:00am Quilters in the church basement
11:30am Recorders
2:45pm Girl's BB practice
7:00pm All Boards meet
- TUE. 6:30am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Faith at Home meeting
4:00pm Girl's BB game at home
6:30pm Men's Bible Study
- WED. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
10:00am Chapel
5:45pm JuBELLation Ringers
6:30pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Celebration Choir
- THUR. 6:30am Ladies Bible Study
1:00pm Ladies Aid
7:15pm Praise Team
- FRI. 2:45pm Girl's BB practice
- SAT. 9:00am Foundations - Pastor Kurt's New Member Class
5:00pm Worship

Stewards

For the weekend of Sept. 29/30

Elders: Matt Williams

Lectors:

5:00 Mark Howard

8:15 Ben Bosch

10:30 Rosie Anderson

Acolytes:

5:00 Jacob Logan

8:15 Sam Ohlendorf

10:30 Catie & Jacob Vosskuil

For the weekend of Oct. 6/7

Elders: Tim Harvey

Acolytes:

5:00 Adrian & Alex Douglas

8:15 Hudson Shake & Sean Thôm

10:30 Abbey Turner

September Altar Guild:

Debbie Luytjes (616) 846-9486

Sharon Rothe (616) 502-3326

**Not a member yet?
Hope you can join us at
Foundations (St. John's New
Member Class)!
Saturdays, October 6 & 13**



St. John's Prayer Page

Please lift up the following in prayer...

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

HANSEN, Jackie	09/30
WILLIAMS, Molly	09/30
WILLIAMS, Penny	09/30
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
VANVOORST, Jennifer	10/06
WILLIAMSON, Travis	10/06

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

ANDERSON, Bob & Rosie (57)	09/30
HARDY, Dan & Kim (41)	10/01
HOWARD, Mark & Diane (19)	10/02
BRAMER, David & Cathy (31)	10/03
MONTGOMERY, Craig & Janet (37)	10/03
VANVOLKENBURG, Gary & Inge (54)	10/03

Lutherans For Life Quote:

"My hope and prayer and encouragement to each of you is to see people of all abilities as God sees them. Each of His children is beloved and valued. Each is uniquely gifted so that the work of God may be displayed—through every season of life." *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For the former **Kristie Jerovsek** who married **Bob Warne** on September 22, 2018.

Prayers for the Grieving:

For the family of **Earlene Gabalis**, as she passed away on September 22, 2018. She is the mother **Pat (Ron) Young**.

Prayers from our Connect Cards:

Continued prayers for **Joan Krueger**.

Continued prayers for **Teresa Taylor**.

For **Craig Montgomery's** friend, **Phyllis** and her family as they are struggling to stay together.

For **Ruth** who is having cataract surgery.

For **Joe**, battling cancer.

Praise that **Megan's** kidneys are functioning again.

For **Ross Kittleman**, that he receive an accurate diagnosis and good results from his appointment in Ann Arbor this week.

For **Nic Dress**, recovering from surgery.

Please, Lord, protect us from the world and even ourselves. Thank You, Father.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS

LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11



Joining Jesus Servant Saturday
October 27

NEWS AND NOTES

Our Stewardship of the Word

Attendance: Sat.: 5:00 – 60, Sun.: 8:15 – 54, 10:30 – 90; **Total: 205**

(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 \$23,652.80
Also received for: Capital Improvement \$181, Debt Retirement \$30, National Youth Gathering \$25, Chapel \$234.50

Memorials

In memory of Ed Klein to the National Youth Gathering by Pastor & Ruth Haupt

This weekend's Altar Flowers provided by **Bob & Rosie Anderson** in honor of their **57th 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.

We will celebrate Matins at the 8:15am service this Sun., Sept. 30. This is a non-Communion service; however, Holy Communion will be observed at both the 5:00pm and 10:30am services.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: Plan to join Pastor Kurt, for his Bible Study this Sun. at 9:30am in the Multi-purpose room. (Benjamin Bosch's Augsburg Confession Bible Study will be on break until Nov. 4.)

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. We need experienced painters, people to visit nursing home residents, etc. Signup sheets are now in the Social Hall. You can also sign up on the back of your Connect Card. 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 Craig Kaschube at ckaschube@sjlcs.org or (616) 842-4510 or by indicating on the back of your Connect Card.

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.

Thank you St. John's for your support of the Feeding America food truck last Thur.. Our team of over 40 volunteers joyfully worked together to provide a meal and distribute food to nearly 70 family units from our community.

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

The M&M stands for "Missions and Ministry," and more important than the money, please pray for our group's trip. **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.**

Paul, the Apostle of Christ: All are welcome to come watch the movie, Paul the Apostle of Christ on Wed., Oct. 3 at 9:30am in the Social Hall. The movie is 107 minutes long.

Save Your Family Fare and D&W 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!

Love in Action Has Some Urgent Needs:

The following are ways you can join Love in Action in caring for our community. If you have any questions, please contact Laura at (616) 846-2701 or laura@loveinactiontricity.org.

The Love in Action Prayer Team is a vital part of the ministry to this community. If you would be interested in receiving an email each week, with anonymous prayers requests from the community, join the team! Contact Laura at laura@loveinactiontricity.org.

The Laundry Hub Ministry is in immediate need of volunteers. If you enjoy getting to know new people and building relationships, this could be a great opportunity! This volunteer position involves hanging out with folks and chatting as they do their laundry! Shifts are available on both Mon. and Wed. from 1:00-5:00pm at Watermark Church. Serving weekly or monthly or anything in between is fine! Contact Kathy at johnsonjk13@gmail.com.

The Appliance Ministry is in great need of washing machines, as well as gas stoves. There are none in stock and almost 20 households on the waiting list for these items. If you have a gently-used, working appliance that you could donate to this ministry, please contact First Christian Reformed Church at (616) 842-6370.

6th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance is set for Sat., Oct. 13, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Patrick's Family Center. Don't miss dancing, fun activities, snacks and a super yummy chocolate fountain. \$20 per couple. Tickets are available in St. John's School office. Call (616) 638-6529 for more info.

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. Please let Craig know by Oct. 15 if you and your spouse plan to attend. For more info contact Craig at ckaschube@sjlcs.org.

Volunteers Needed for the New Imagination Station: Volunteer for Build Week on Oct. 9-14 to build the new Imagination Station. Within a week, our community will build the new Imagination Station from scratch. With a minimum of 1,500 volunteers and over 3,000 work shifts, your help is needed. Please complete the volunteer form at <http://gh-reimagine.org/volunteers/> to register for Build Week.

Liberty Woods 20th Anniversary Open House is Sun., Oct. 14. Program is 2:00-2:30 pm. Tours and refreshments 2:30-4:30pm. Liberty Woods, located at 201 Dewitt Ln, Spring Lake, is a 55 and over independent living community. Come see what a cooperative is all about.

Party of Parties: The Girls of Grace is hosting this annual vendor expo and craft sale fundraiser on Sat., Oct. 27 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church (300 E. Cleveland St., Coopersville) and proceeds will go to support mission projects during the year.

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale: It's time to gather up items for the Oct. 19 & 20 Ladies Aids Rummage Sale. You can begin dropping off your "treasures" on Wed. Oct 18 after 4:15pm. All proceeds will be used to purchase needed items for the church and school.

Lutheran Adult Gathering 2018 is Oct. 12-14, at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Do you feel confident and equipped to share your faith in your everyday conversations with friends, families, and neighbors? With this question in mind, The Lutheran Adult Gathering has been crafted to provide practical help for proclaiming the Caring Creator and His great deeds with people today. For more info, visit www.michigandistrict.org/events/lutheran-adult-gathering-2018

Community Artist & Speaker Series: First Presbyterian Church of GH invites you to a new season of free diverse programs including a variety of musical artists and informational speakers, as well as a classical opera. For more information, visit www.fpgh.org.

Muskegon Museum of ART Festival of the Trees: Senior Day is Tue., Nov. 27, 10:00am-5:00pm. Those 65 and older are invited to this day especially designed for Seniors, featuring beautifully decorated trees and lots of other holiday décor, plus free cookies and coffee, live holiday music, door prizes, vendor displays, and a blood pressure clinic. Special HALF-OFF Senior Day admission is \$5. For more info, call (231) 720-2571 or visit www.muskegonartmuseum.org.