



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

April 27 & 28, 2024

## WELCOME!

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This Sunday's lessons are *Genesis 9:1-15*, *Ephesians 2:1-10*, and *John 14:12-20*. Pastor Salemink preaching sermon is titled "Just As...I AM" "Just As...I AM", and it's based on *Ephesians 2:1-10*.

## Holy Communion

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In Holy Communion we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus under bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28).

Because taking part in this Sacrament is a visible act of unity (1 Corinthians 10:17), we kindly ask that those visiting from outside the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod complete a course of instruction with us before receiving the Sacrament. If you will not be communing, you are invited to come forward during the distribution with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

In keeping with Paul's admonition to examine ourselves before receiving Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28-29), the following questions can be used in your personal preparations:

- Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you believe that in this Sacrament we eat and drink Jesus' true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for our forgiveness?
- Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life according to His Word?

\*Gluten-free wafers are available, and a wine alternative is located in the center of the tray of individual cups of wine.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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*"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."*



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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## PRAYERS

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**Prayers for Strength & Healing:** **Lauren Rosetti** (1-month-old home from the hospital and on oxygen), **Molly Williams** (ankle surgery on April 25), **Teresa Taylor** (further testing), **Mark Anderson** (recovering from back surgery), **Bill Kooi** (health), **Tom** (health, Parkinson's), **KD** (complications from Parkinson's), **Ross Klages** (health), **Becky Wade** (health), **Ken Larson** (healing), **Ken Luytjes** (health), **Wesley** (health), **Arno Guske** (vision), **Ruth Pasman** (dementia), **Karen Shields** (vision), **Elijah Klages** (peace & healing), **Vicky & Louis Johnson** (health), **Todd Hardebeck**, **Sandy**, **Rob Eich**, **Steve**, **Ellyn**, **Malissa**, **Jonathan S.**, **Betty J.**, **Nancy Pringnitz**, and **Joan Fett** (cancer).

**Prayers for Comfort** for **Jeff VandenBosch's family & friends** as Jeff is now with the Lord.

**Prayers for Safety** for **Cary & Laila's** daughter, **Etta MacLaughlin**, who is currently 26 weeks and slowly growing in the womb.

**Prayers for Support** for **Positive Options** to be equipped so more mothers can choose life for their children.

**Prayers for Peace** for **Carol Hirr**.

**Lifting Up Our Church in Prayer:** Paul reminds us to not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom we were sealed for the day of redemption...be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:30,32 Lord, help me to forgive and be your peacemaker.

**Lifting Up St. John's School in Prayer:** Let's pray for the little ones this week including the Early Childhood program children, the preschoolers, the kindergarteners, and the Sunday school students. May the program leaders (Alyssa, Leah, and Laura) be blessed with great wisdom and patience as they direct and care for the children.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 616-842-4510 or [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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This week's altar flowers are sponsored by **Rob & Lois Eich** in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

## ATTENDANCE

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From last week...5 p.m. Saturday: 58, 8:15 a.m. Sunday: 61, 10:30 a.m. Sunday: 111 **Total: 230**

## ONLINE GIVING

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Did you know that you can give monetary donations online? You can visit our website at [www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com](http://www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com) or scan the QR Code below.



## WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS

**A Few Lines for Lutherans for Life:** It is He who sustains us each day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.

Deaconess Bethany Stoeber,  
Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas  
A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life

You're invited to join us for our **National Day of Prayer Service**. It will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Sanctuary.

Flowers ordered through the **youth fundraiser can be picked up 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 10**. If you missed your chance to order baskets, there will be a limited number of extras available for purchase.

Join us for our **special Pentecost and Confirmation celebration**. We will have one worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19. A reception in the Social Hall will immediately follow. We will also have worship at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

**Do you know anyone in the need of a lap robe and prayer shawl** for strength, comfort, and to help with stress during illness? If so, please let the church office know. We can get one to you to deliver for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can call the church office at 616-842-4510 or Kathy Fisher at 616-935-7328.

The Board of Social Ministries is **collecting diapers to support Positive Options**. The drive starts on Mother's Day, May 12, and ends on Father's Day, June 16. A collection table will be set up in the Social Hall.

### **Dear St. John's Family,**

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms to Western MI last weekend! From the auction to Bible class on Sunday to a special Chapel service and classroom visit on Monday, it was a joy to share the work which God has called me with you. Way back in 2019, I wrote these words in a blog about the Jamaica team: "One of the things I most adored... was that they were truly 'sent' by their congregation and its parochial school." 100% true. Each of you is a blessing, and I look forward to whenever and wherever our paths cross next.

Yours because we are His,  
Erin Mackenzie

### **Our last Sunday to meet for Sunday School before summer break is May 5.**

We continue the celebration of Easter, talking about Jesus appearing to His disciples, and next week, His ascension. It's been wonderful spending time learning and teaching with these kids. I know the other teachers would say the same. I am so thankful for everyone who has helped to teach or offer assistance with Sunday School this year and in the past. Be on the lookout for information on Summerama, June 17-18! See you at the aquatic center for the pool party!

Leah Appold  
Director of Children's Ministry

Join us in helping West Michigan families learn about St. John's Lutheran School!

**Please help families learn about St. John's** by leaving a review or recommending our school on Facebook. Scan the QR code below to leave a 5-star review on the school's page by May 1.

Starting May 1, check out our electronic billboard along US-31 just south of the Pontaluna Road overpass.



## SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship  
 9:35 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Worship

## MONDAY

Pastor's Day  
 10 a.m. Quilters  
 10:30 a.m. Recorders  
 1 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## TUESDAY

9 a.m. Staff Devotions  
 6 p.m. Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
 7:15 p.m. Choir

## WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 7 p.m. Praise Team

## THURSDAY

9 a.m. Prayer Group  
 1 p.m. National Day of Prayer Service  
 1 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

5 p.m. Worship

**Time is running out to purchase geraniums in celebration of Pentecost,** please use the envelopes that are available on the bulletin board by the church office. Geraniums are \$6 per plant. Orders are due by May 5.

**Mark your calendar for Unity Music Festival!** It will be held Aug. 7-10 at Heritage Landing in Muskegon. Tickets go on sale in April. Tickets will cost \$40 per person for a one-day pass, \$75 per person for a three-day pass, and \$325 for a family three-day pass. May 5 is the deadline to purchase tickets.

**It is that time again to support the Supper House of Muskegon.** A donation box will be available in the Social Hall the weekends of May 4 & 5 and May 11 & 12. Donation requests include personal items of sample-sized of deodorant, hand sanitizer, individual Kleenex packets, shampoo, conditioners, Band-aids, toothpaste, and soap. Toothbrushes are not needed. Food requests include granola and breakfast cereal bars, cheese and crackers, raisins, nuts, fruit snacks, and 8 oz. water bottles. Expired items cannot be used.

A **new member reception** will be held 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 5, in the Social Hall, to honor those members who have joined our St. John's family from January 2023 to the present. Take this opportunity to get to know these individuals who now call St. John's their spiritual home. Refreshments will be served. This event is hosted by the Evangelism/Fellowship Board.

## ANNIVERSARIES

APPOLD, Ben & Leah (12)	04/28	SNIDER, Ernst & Gwen (14)	05/01
OLSEN, Leif & Tracy (23)	04/28	SOCIA, Steven & Nicole (14)	05/01
HELD, Bob & Nancy (52)	04/29	ZAMBETIS, Mike & Donna (43)	05/02

## BIRTHDAYS

KRASINSKI, Shari	04/28	ELLER, Pepper	05/01	SHOEMAKER, Erich	05/03
BOIK, Gerald	04/29	TURCOTTE, Jerene	05/01	SOCIA, Nicole	05/03
RATTINGER, Kerry	04/29	LUTZ, Sydney	05/02	HILLMAN, Ethan	05/04
TOLLIVER, Kenneth	04/29	ELLER, Teddy	05/03	KLAUS, Denise	05/04
ZONDERVAN, Tinley	04/30	MANDRICK, Peggy	05/03		

