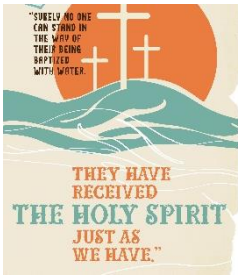


# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

May 04 & 05, 2024



## WELCOME!

This Sunday's lessons are *Acts 10:34-48*, *1 John 5:1-8*, and *John 15:9-17*. Pastor Vergin's sermon is titled "No Greater Love," it's based on *John 15:9-17*.

## Holy Communion

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

*"O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of his goodness borne for our sake that after His example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; 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:** **Newborn Arlo Davidson** (recovering from bowel surgery), **Teresa Taylor** (further testing), **Bill Kooi** (health), **Tom** (health, Parkinson's), **KD** (complications from Parkinson's), **Ross Klages** (health), **Becky Wade** (health), **Ken Larson** (healing), **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 Peace** for **Carol Hirr**.

**Lifting Up Our Church in Prayer:** Welcome to all our new members! We thank you, Father God, for each person that has joined St. John's Lutheran Church this year. We hope that they feel welcome as they join our church family. May we show proper respect to each other and your love in our words and actions as stated in 1 Peter 2:17.

**Lifting Up St. John's School in Prayer:** Grant the students clear understanding and the ability to focus during this week as they take the MAP exams. Be with the end of the year class trips. May the students see and enjoy new things that expand their understanding of the world around them.

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 **Richard & Sharon Rothe** in honor of their 46th anniversary and **Ron & Pat Young** in honor of their 63rd anniversary.

## MEMORIALS

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Given in memory of **Ron Kieft** to the General Fund by Eva Gronevelt and the Day School by Marguerite Behm. In memory of **Jeff VandenBosch** given to the Day School by Les & Ronda Chapman and Ken & Connie Behm, and to the School Scholarship by Ken & Debbie Luytjes.

## ATTENDANCE

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From last week...5 p.m. Saturday: 74, 8:15 a.m. Sunday: 86, 10:30 a.m. Sunday: 107 **Total: 267**

## 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:** With the blustery and chilly days of April it seemed like May would never get here. At times in our lives, we are all guilty of impatience. I am often reminded of the need to avoid this by the words of the garden sign passed on to us by Irene's parents: "In March, we long for April. In May we long for June. Don't be in such a hurry. It will all be gone too soon." Like the well-written epilogue of a book, this message is a good afterthought to the "Issues As We Age" workshop held at St. John's last weekend. Even though aging has become more prolonged due to increases in average human life expectancy, we do not want to overly delay our attention to end-of-life matters. Consider the purposes God has given to all the Seniors in our lives and help them achieve the plans He still has for them. Someday we will be "there," too. Find reason to celebrate each day God gives you. "It will be all be gone too soon," but it is only our earthly life that has a "last chapter." Oh, what wonderous and unending things lie ahead!

Randy Cooper

**Thank you** to Pastor Vergin, and everyone who attended and supported the Issues As We Age Workshop with Pastor Salemink. If you still need a copy of the Michigan Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Christian Version and the St. John's funeral guidelines, you can contact the church office.

**It's time to support the Supper House of Muskegon.** A donation box is available in the Social Hall the weekends of May 4 & 5 and May 11 & 12.

Flowers ordered through the **youth fundraiser can be picked up 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 10.** If you are unable to pick up your flowers Friday, please contact Amanda Chapman at 616-405-8877 or [amandalchapman@gmail.com](mailto:amandalchapman@gmail.com).

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.

**A voters' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21,** in the Sanctuary. Voters will take action on the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. The church's new vision statement and logo will also be unveiled.

**Thank you to everyone who attended this year's spring auction.** We couldn't have done it without your support and donations.

We were very fortunate to have many sponsorships that helped underwrite the event. After all of our expenses are paid, we realized a net profit of \$11,500.

A big thank you to all who volunteered their time to help make the event a success! Looking forward to next year's event!

Amanda Reary & Jane Kalavitz

The **Fellowship/Evangelism Board is hosting a church picnic** 12-4 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at Rycenga Park.

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, plus potato chips, water, lemonade, and iced tea. Please bring an additional dish to pass. We will not have access to electric outlets.

Activities include face painting, sand painting, a pinata, relay races, a cornhole tournament and games for the whole family. Guests are welcome.

For planning purposes, please register by scanning the QR code below. This is a FREE EVENT!



## SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:35 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. New Member Reception  
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

8 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Russ' Restaurant  
9 a.m. Staff Devotions  
4 p.m. GEMS Girls' Club  
6 p.m. Handbells  
7 p.m. All Boards Meet  
7:15 p.m. Choir

## WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
7 p.m. Praise Team

## THURSDAY

9 a.m. Prayer Group

## FRIDAY

9 a.m. Flower Basket Pick Up

## SATURDAY

5 p.m. Worship

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



## Today is our last day of Sunday School before summer break.

It has been a blessing to have your children in class. Please tell a teacher "thank you" if you see them. A big shout out to Jesseca Spencer, Elizabeth Kaschube, Becky Wade, and Joy Daw for all their help in teaching. We could not have had Sunday school without them. Thank you to others who have helped in the basement! YOU ARE APPRECIATED! If you had fun at the pool party last weekend, please let Craig Kaschube know. Since we are celebrating new members today, we will *start in the gym and then go to the basement*. Remember to sign up for our Summerama (Vacation Bible School) taking place on June 17 & 18! You won't want to miss out on the fun!

Leah Appold  
Director of Children's Ministry

## You're invited to join us for our Superhero Summerama!

We're hosting our annual FREE event 5-7 p.m. June 17 & 18 at St. John's. We will provide dinner, activities, a Bible message, and crafts. Children who register by June 10 will receive a FREE cape! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 616-842-4510 or [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com). Scan the QR code below to register.



## ANNIVERSARIES

YOUNG, Ron & Patsy Kelly (63)	05/05	THOM, Craig & Brenda (20)	05/08
PASMAN, JR., Joe & Ruth (46)	05/06	RYKE, Sean & Krystle (11)	05/11
ROTHER, Richard & Sharon (46)	05/06	WILLIAMS, Norman & Jan (16)	05/11

## BIRTHDAYS

PIERCE, Carson	05/05	PARISE, Veronica	05/08	DEPHOUSE, Ethan	05/11
DAVISON, Kelly	05/06	RALYA, Karen	05/09	MILLER, Kimberly	05/11
TAYLOR, Teresa	05/06	RICHERT JR., Ora	05/09		
APOSTLE, Kathryn	05/08	COBB, Dawn	05/10		