



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

January 09/ 10, 2021

WELCOME!

This Sunday's lessons are found in *Isaiah 60:1-6*, *Ephesians 3:1-12*, and *Matthew 2:1-12*. Pastor Kurt's message is titled "**Room for Only One King**," and it's based on **Matthew 2:1-12**. You can find a recording of the service on our website at www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the Lord's Supper believing that this sacred meal is Christ's gift to His Church. Paul encourages us to examine ourselves before we "*eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We request that those who wish to commune here answer yes to the following questions:

- **As a baptized child of God, do you believe that you are a sinner and in need of forgiveness from God?**
- **Do you believe that forgiveness is found only in Christ, and is offered by Christ in the Lord's Supper?**
- **Do you believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?**
- **Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and by your participation in the sacrament, give testimony to the faith we share?**
- **Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit according to God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him?**

If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder. Non-communing adults and children may come forward to receive a blessing by folding their hands across their chest or you are welcome to remain seated as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

For those with health concerns: 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 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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For the Safety of Our Worshipers

For the safety of our worshipers, we ask that you please review the following:

Make yourself aware of all available exits. Exits can be accessed via all doors of our sanctuary (front and back).

In the event of a tornado or tornado warning, please move to our church basement which can be accessed via the stairs in the back of the church near the glass doors, or the stairs which can be accessed via either exit in the front of our sanctuary. For those who have difficulty with stairs, please proceed to one of the school bathrooms, the bathroom located in the back of the church, or allow others to assist you to the basement.

In the event of a fire, please use the nearest exit to vacate the building. Exits can be accessed via the doors in the front or the back of our sanctuary. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

In the event that someone seeks to inflict physical harm, take cover. When you feel you are able to safely vacate the building, immediately do so using the nearest exit and proceed to a safe location. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

For emergency medical needs, **an AED (defibrillator) and emergency phone are located in the lobby by the parking lot entranceway.**

While we pray that we never have to enact any of these plans, our hope is that this will allow you to be prepared. We also encourage you to let our elders or pastor know if you feel there is a potential threat at any time.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Strength & Healing: Pastor Kurt's grandmother, Genevieve (COVID-19), Juan (COVID-19), Rickie & Betty (cancer) Jack, Bill & Connie (dialysis), Bill (salvation), the unemployed (wisdom and jobs) and Chris & David (health issues).

Prayers for Peace & Comfort: The family of Rev. John Panning, who passed away; the Klages family as Ken Klages passed away; John von Rusten & family, Sherry Brooky's dad, as John's brother passed away.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Roxana Taylor (cancer-free), Asher Eich and Harper Eich were baptized on Jan. 2. They are the children of Jarrod & Andrea Eich. Their sponsors are Jennifer Eich and Amy Schill.

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS

If you would like our Pastor or an Elder to call you and/or pray with you, please contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

GIVING

Tithes & Offerings from last weekend **\$10,133.95** (General Fund) **\$11,917.11** (Other)

\$14,312.59 (December Simply Giving) **\$7,053.24** (December GivePlus/Text)

\$20,996.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

We encourage our members to consider giving their tithes and gifts through the online opportunities offered on our website at www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com/about-us/mobile-donations-and-tithing. Members can also contribute their gifts via mail **or you can now drop off your offering in the special lock box hanging near the entrance to our church and school** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ~ checks preferred (if cash is given please strive to drop off between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Please remember that we rely on these gifts for all the ongoing ministries of St. John's – both now and for the future.

WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS

Youth Representatives: Now more than ever, we all want to be seen, heard, valued and appreciated. Youth and Young Adults: we exist to serve you and your needs. Help us help you by sharing your thoughts, opinions, and input at our board meetings!

Our next meeting is 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 2021 on Zoom, but you only need to spend 20-30 minutes of your time.

For more information, you can email Board President Amanda Chapman, amandalchapman@gmail.com or you can email Craig Kaschube, ckaschube@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

Voters' Meeting on Jan.31: A Voters' Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, in the gymnasium. The meeting will be held to vote on various board positions.

Thank you, Joe!: We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for Joe LaLonde for serving as our IT person for 12 years, which was a blessing. Prior to that, Joe served for a number of years as the Director of Education. Both Joe & Sue LaLonde have been supporters of the school and have always been involved with St. John's Lutheran School fundraisers. Their dedication and all they have done for the church and the school has been greatly appreciated!



Bible Study Resumes in January: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Jr./Sr. Bible Study will resume on Jan. 10.

Home Bible Study Opportunities: We're looking for a few families to "host" a short-term Bible study from your homes! Similar to a Zoom format, you can invite other families to join your study from their own homes. This is FREE, and we'll help register you with RightNow Media (whom St. John's already partners with), which has thousands of Bible studies available! Topics include youth, marriage, parenting, books of the Bible, Christian living, etc.

If you have any questions, you can contact Craig Kaschube by emailing ckaschube@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

Life March Scholarship Tri-Cities Right for Life is giving away a \$250 scholarship to a West Michigan youth group or a family planning to attend the March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship should visit TG@TriCitiesRightToLife.org.



Attendance: From last week...

New Year's Eve: 34; Sat.: 5:00 – 41, Sun.: 8:15 – 35, 10:30 – 67; YouTube Views: 97

Total: 274

Lutherans for Life Quote: "But the value of children as treasured human beings demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus reflects a God who cherishes the least, the last, and the most vulnerable ... As the Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, Christians around the world are invited to worship the Child Jesus Who was worshipped by kings. And all are invited to wonder and consider the mystery of a faith that proclaims the weakness of God and the foolishness of God to be strength and wisdom. The one who said, 'Suffer the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me' is the God revealed in a Child." Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Memorials & Honorariums: In memory of **Ken Klages** given to God's Pantry by **Karen Shields**. In memory of **Ken Klages** given to the parsonage repairs by **Clara Klages**. In memory of **Priscilla Isabel's** mother given to the Choir Department by **Bill & Patti Kooi**.

ANNIVERSARIES

HARLOFF, Harold & Carol (62) 01/10

BIRTHDAYS

TAYLOR, Bryant	01/10	WENZELBURGER, Michelle	01/12	ELDRIDGE, Andrew	01/14
ORTQUIST, Mary Jo	01/12	DARA, Thomas	01/13	SHIELDS, Karen	01/15
TOLLIVER, Carmen	01/12	LIGGETT, Samuel	01/13		

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? We probably don't have it in our records. Contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com to let us know.



Volunteers Needed to Shovel: The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help with shoveling and salting our sidewalks before our worship services at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 8:15 a.m. Sundays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Lent services are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. A shovel and salt will be provided. Please contact Larry Thomas or the church office if you're interested in volunteering.

Altar Flowers in 2021: If you would like to order Altar flowers in 2021, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please provide your name, phone number, and who the flowers are in honor or memory of. The payment for the flowers is \$50, and can be made with the envelopes provided by the sign up sheet. Your completed envelope can be dropped in the offering plate during worship.