



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Senior Pastor: Mark Elliott

Associate Pastor: Jeff Caithamer

School Principal: Ralph Leffler

Deaconess: Kim Bueltmann

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**stand as you are able*

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine. Hearing assistance units are available from ushers.

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with one of our pastors.

SERVING TODAY – Organist: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Todd & Dan; 10:45 – John, Dan & Jim. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Chris & Linda; 10:45 Bob & Alice. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Cole n & Sara; 10:45 – Paul & Nate.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given by Dan & Allison in celebration of their 4th wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Steve and Pam and family at the death of Steve's mother Lois; *for healing and recovery:* Phyllis, Jo Ann, Mary, Barbara, Jim, Jordan, Bob; *recently hospitalized:* David; *thanksgiving for favorable test results:* Cindy; *during treatments:* Juleigh, Carolyn; *for strength, healing and hope:* Irene; *for missions:* Pastor David Rakotonirina and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica; *for those in the military:* Dustin, Taylor, John, Jimmy, Christopher; Brandon ; Keidi; *for our homebound:* Hazel, Owen, Mary & Cope.

Deaconess Kim has received a Call to serve Carmel Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers God's will.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – “One Christ, Many Creeds” – led by Pastor Caithamer,
fellowship hall

Adult Bible Class – “God's Word for Today” led by Steve, school library

Sunday School – 3 year olds through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening. Children can be picked up at 10:30 in the following rooms:

Parents & 2's – Room 4A
3 & 4 yr. olds, Kindergarten – Room 1A
1st & 2nd grade – 2A
3rd & 4th grade – Room 3A
5th, 6th & 7th grade – Room 2B
High School - Youth Room

Summer Sunday School - Please consider signing up for one Sunday this summer to share God's love with our children. We are in serious need of volunteers. It would be a shame for our children to lose the opportunity to be able to go to Sunday school this summer because we can't find enough willing volunteers who will give up a little time to share God's Word.

Bulletins and Newsletters are now being posted on our church website. Go to www.stjohn-lcms.org and select Sermons from the list on the left. Or go to <http://stjohnmedia.org>.

Undefeated Men's Softball – The men's softball team are leading their league right now with a record of 5 wins and 0 losses. They rightfully earned their 5th win last Monday night with an epic comeback against the Vineyard church from a third inning score of 0-8 (Vineyard) to a final score in extra innings of 14-13. Come out and support our team tomorrow night at 6:00pm at the Parkland baseball fields to cheer for win 6.

Food Pantry – Many thanks to those who have donated food. However, we are still in need of several items; peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce (jar or canned), spaghetti noodles, canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups (please no cream soups), macaroni and cheese, canned ravioli or spaghetti and meatballs. Please place in the food pantry box in the coatroom. Thank you.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today 8:00 Divine Service II, Blood Pressure Screening; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Holy Communion; 2:00 VBS Set-up

Monday 9:00 VBS; 6:00 Finance Board; *Ram Rebate orders due*

Tuesday 9:00 VBS; 6:30 Council

Wednesday 9:00 VBS; 7:15 Worship w/Comm

Thursday 9:00 VBS; 1:00 High School Youth Pool Party

Friday 9:00 VBS; *Ram Rebate pickup*

Saturday 8:00 Youth Car Wash; 9:30 Market Day Sale

Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 VBS Closing Program, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Matins

Church Keys – To all outgoing Chairmen, Elders and Trustees, please return your key to the church office at your earliest convenience so that we have them to give to the incoming officers and board members. Thank you.

CID DAY at the ballpark - Cubs vs Cards - Tickets have been ordered for the August 14th Cub/Cards game and there will be 64 members from this congregation listed on the board at St. Louis if we get all the tickets we requested. That's a great number. There are 31 people (less than half the total attending) signed up to take the bus making the current cost per person \$44.35 to ride the bus. We tried to get other congregations to join us, but they didn't need our seats, so since the total fee for the bus is \$1375, it is to be divided by our 31 brave folks who have chosen to take the bus. Remember the good side for the bus riders: no parking problems, no parking fees, will be dropped off right at the entrance and picked up after the game at the entrance, can sleep going and coming and can just relax and have fun the whole day while St. John leaves the driving to Peoria Charter. There is a planned restroom/

snack stop half-way to St. Louis. Please call Susan if you have any questions and we thank all of those who planned to ride the bus for “*keeping*” the bus.

Camp CILCA is seeking out alumni and need your help. If you are one, please email us at camp@cilca.org so we may contact you and interview you about your experiences at camp. If you have any photos please send them to camp (they will be returned) so we may include them into our 60 years of CILCA DVD. Don't miss out.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Apostle's Creed (Review)

Second Article – **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

What does this mean? **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Bible Passage: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:17

Hymn 609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

Psalm 117

Bible Readings for the Week:

Daniel's Vision of a Man – Daniel 10:1-11:4

The Proclamation of Cyrus, the King of Persia – 2 Chron. 36:22-23

The End of the Babylonian Captivity – Ezra 1:1-11