



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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School Principal: Ralph Leffler

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**stand as you are able*

Preaching: Rev. Mark Elliott
 Liturgist: 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 – Dave, Dan & Brian ; 10:45 – John & Dan . **Greeters:** 8:00 – Wilbert & Lila ; 10:45 – John & Bonnie . **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Cole & Cody ; 10:45 – Nate & Logan .

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY –The altar flowers are given by Bruce & Eleanor in celebration of their 52nd Anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Joy Lou ; *recently hospitalized:* Judy – mother of Rochelle; *for healing and recovery:* Jim , Barbara , Nellie , Esther , Eunice , Opal , Phyllis , Mary , Bob , Carolyn ; *during treatments:* Jo Ann , Juleigh ; *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 Niemann *for our homebound:* Opal , Carol, Roger & Nelda.

National Youth Gathering - Please keep our youth in your prayers. They are in New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering this week. Keep up with what our group is doing on our facebook page (which anyone can access): <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=108709359180174&v=photos#!/group.php?gid=108709359180174>. The Gathering web page will also have updates: www.lcmsgathering.com, and you can see mass events every day streaming live at: <http://www.lcms.org/nyg>.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – “Amos” – led by Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Adult Bible Class – “God’s Word for Today” led by Steve Haase, 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 4C
1st & 2nd grade – 2C
3rd & 4th grade – Room 1C
5th, 6th & 7th grade – 3C
High School – Sanctuary

Thank You – We would like to thank all for your thoughts, prayers and cards during and after Dorothy’s surgery. They were appreciated so very much. – Dorothy & Earl and Family

Pastor Ehlers’ 50th Anniversary in the Ministry – St. John is proud to host a celebration commemorating 50 years in the ministry for Rev. Donald Ehlers who retired on May 18, 1997 from this church. Please come and share your memories with him and Mar and their family. The potluck will be held next Sunday, July 25th in the fellowship hall following the 10:45 service. Bring a dish to share that feeds at least 12. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Any questions can be directed to Jan or a member of the Fellowship Board.

Retreat at Camp CILCA - Scripture provides guidance on how God says to survive life’s disasters. Dr. Reed Lessing, professor at Con. Sem., St. Louis, will conduct an informative study on the book of Jeremiah at Camp CILCA on Sat., Sept. 11, from 9-3:30. Lunch is included. To register send your name and \$16 by Sept. 6 to Norbert Soltwedel, 9414 E. 1800th Ave., Shumway, IL 62461.

St. John PTF Bids For Kids Fall Auction - Would you like to support the school in the largest fundraiser of the year? The Auction Committee is creating a "*Chef's Delight*" basket. We are gathering some of our favorite kitchen items including: Utensils, Gadgets, Pans, Bowls, Towels, Spices, Gift Cards, you name it. The basket is under the Narthex table - please help us fill it. If you have a favorite recipe please add it to the basket. We hope to see you on October 15th at the auction.

Real Reformation Radio - Do any of these topics interest you?: An Interview with LCMS President-Elect Pastor Matt Harrison, From Atheism to Lutheranism, The Lord's Supper, The Legacy of Martin Luther and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Matins
Tuesday	6:30 Council
Wednesday	7:15 Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	8:00 Matins; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Anniversary Potluck; 2:30 Voter's Meeting

The Voter's Meeting for this month will begin at 2:30pm following the anniversary potluck next Sunday. There will be proposed by-law changes included in this meeting. The wording can be found on the narthex table.

Tee Ball – We are having a tee ball league for 3 and 4 year olds with our home school group Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm on the St. John playground during the month of July. All are welcome to join. Please let Vanessa know if you would like to participate. _____

Free Volleyball and Basketball Mini-Camp – A free volleyball and basketball mini-camp will be held for incoming fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students on Thursday, August 5. The volleyball camp led by Amy and Carmen will run from 9:00 to 11:30am. The basketball camp led by Spenser and Cameron will run from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Both camps will be held at the St. John gym. Contact Dan or the school office to register.

Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd., Normal, IL cordially invites you to the Ordination and Installation of our new Associate Pastor, Christopher Hull on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Following the service a light supper will be served.

Danville Dan's Baseball - The Champaign County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring "Thrivent Thursdays" Danville Dan's baseball games, providing free tickets to home games. There is one Thursday date left, Aug 5th. Game starts at 6:30PM. If you would like tickets, please call Rick or Brian Thrivent is also sponsoring a "Thrivent Financial Night" on August 6th, with the Danville Dan's game beginning at 6:30. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend. Free tickets and coupons for a free hotdog and drink are in the church office.

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:

Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys? **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

Where is this written? **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”**

Bible Passage: I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

Hymn 760 *What God Ordains Is Always Good*
Psalm 10

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Twelve Apostles – Luke 6:12-19

The Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:20-26

Love Your Enemies – Luke 6:27-38