



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Associate Pastor: Jeff Caithamer

School Principal: Ralph Leffler

Deaconess: Kim Buelmann

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**stand as you are able*

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Liturgist: Rev. Mark Elliott

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 – John & Jim ; 10:45 – Dan , Rob & Joel . **Greeters:** 8:00 – Ron & Carol ; 10:45 – Steve & Dawn . **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Christian & Sara ; 10:45 – Daniele & James .

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY –We remember the following people in our prayers: *for thanks and praise:* for the birth of Eliana Kay, daughter of Daniel and Tova and granddaughter of Norm & Karla ; *for peace and comfort:* Arnold and Myla at the death of Myla's mother Leora ; *following surgery:* Pat ; *for healing and recovery:* Judy , Jim , Barbara , 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 ; *for our homebound:* Fran , Cope , Mary & Owen .

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 directly after the 10:45 service today in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share that feeds at least 12. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. We welcome you and hope to see you there.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

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

There Will Be No Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall this morning. Preparations are being made for the anniversary potluck. Coffee and donuts will be served in the gym wing following the 8:00am service.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2010-2011 – Please prayerfully consider helping the Sunday School program this year. We are seeking three volunteers to co-teach Kindergarten, First and Sixth grade. We have one volunteer for each of these classes but they would like someone to share the teaching responsibilities. If you are willing to serve in this area, please contact Marlene or Faith .

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.

Little Lamb – If you or someone you know is interested in a position as the Little Lamb Preschool teacher’s assistant on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings only, please contact Ralph .

MOPS of St. John – MOPS stands for Mothers Of Preschoolers and meets Monday mornings, sixteen times throughout the school year at St. John Lutheran Church. Meetings include speakers on a variety of topics, small group discussions, creative activities and social time with other mothers of preschoolers. During this time, preschool age children enjoy playtime as well as a Bible story, songs and craft. If you are a mother of a preschooler (any child infant through kindergarten), we encourage you to join our group. Register now for the 2010-2011 year. Forms are available on the MOPS bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Megan .

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00 Matins; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Anniversary Potluck; 2:30 Voters' Meeting
Monday	<i>Ram Rebate orders due</i>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	4:00 Painting School Hallways; 7:15 Worship
Thursday	4:00 Painting School Hallways
Friday	<i>Ram Rebate pickup</i>
Sunday	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Divine Service I

The Voters' Meeting today will begin at 2:30pm following the anniversary potluck. There will be proposed by-law changes included in this meeting. Reports can be found on the narthex table.

Painting Help Needed – The Trustees are planning to paint the school hallways this Wednesday and Thursday (July 28 & 29) from 4pm-8pm. If you can help, even if only for an hour, please call Steve to let him know. Thank you.

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.

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 can be picked up 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:

Confession

What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Bible Passage: **My grace is sufficient for you, My power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9**

Hymn 769 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

Psalm 25:1-10

Bible Readings for the Week:

A Disciple and His Teacher – Luke 6:39-49

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant – Luke 7:1-10

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son – Luke 7:11-17