



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 Buelmann

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**stand as you are able*

Preaching: Rev. Mark R. Elliott

Liturgist: Rev. Jeff E. 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, Brian & Bill; 10:45 – Joel & Jim. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Dave & Lynn; 10:45 - Tom & Eunice. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Sierra; 10:45 – Hannah & Will .

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given by John and Gladys in memory of Gladys' brother and sister-in-law. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *wedding anniversary:* Eldon and Dorothy who celebrated 60 years on the 27th; *recently married:* Jonathan and Megan; *following surgery:* Linda; *hospitalized:* Warren Fran, Rev. Chuck Johnson; *for healing and recovery:* Jim, Phyllis, Opal, Opal, Susan, Pats, Mary g, Bob; *during treatments:* Gene, Juleigh, Barbara; *for strength, healing and hope:* Bill, Carolyn; *for peace and comfort:* Hugo and Christiaan and family at the death of Jo Ann; Dan, Joyce and Esther Berg and family at the death of son and grandson Darin; *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 Boparai, Christopher, Brando, Keidi; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Charlie, Walter & Dorothy.

Memorial Services – The Memorial Service for Jo Ann will be at St. John on Monday, August 30th at 7:00pm with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall afterwards. The Memorial Service for Rev. Darin will be at St. John on Saturday, September 4th at 11:00am, with a luncheon being served afterwards in the fellowship hall for family and friends.

Fifth Sunday Door Offering – This is the fifth Sunday of the month and we will be taking an offering following both services this morning for our students studying to be church workers.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – “Amos” 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 – 4C

Kindergarten – 1A

1st grade – 3A

2nd grade – 2A

3rd & 4th grade – 1C

5th grade – 6B

6th grade – 4B

7th & 8th grade – 2B

Sunday School for September 5th - During the Sunday School hour next week all students will meet in 4C. They will be split into two groups. Students 3 years old through 4th grade will watch a movie. Children 5th grade through high school will play Bible Trivia Games.

Lifelight Bible Study - This fall in our Lifelight classes here at St. John we will be studying the "Minor Prophets." (Not minor league prophets, but lesser known.) Amos, Jonah, and Habakkuk are the books of the Bible that are included in this study. Classes will meet for nine weeks on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and also Thursday morning. The first class begins on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:45 PM in Mr. Neiman's 8th grade classroom. The other two classes will begin on Thursday, September 16th, at 8:30 in the church overflow and on Thursday, September 16th, at 6:30 in the Teachers' Lounge. Choose the class that best meets your schedule and consider making this Bible study part of your weekly plans. For more information, please contact Steve. Sign-up and get your first lesson on August 29th, September 5th, or September 12th in the church overflow.

Attention all congregational members young and old – We would like to put together a “thank-you” book for Deaconess Kim for her faithful service to our congregation. Your job is to write a note, send a card, etc. expressing your gratitude or sharing of a special memory. Please drop your card or note off in the church office by Wednesday, September 8th. We hope to keep this a secret so do your best. If you have questions please call Risë or email me.

Worship and Music Conference – The Central Illinois District is sponsoring a Fall Conference on Worship and Music Saturday, September 25, 2010. This conference will be a “hands-on” conference intended not only for directors, but also for musicians. The featured presenter will be Kevin Hildebrand, Associate Kantor of Concordia Theological Seminary of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition there will be workshops for adult and children’s choirs, organ, handbells, and instruments as well as a closing worship service featuring worship attendees. Schedule information and registration forms are on the narthex table. Keith Williams will be attending and would be able to take a few interested people along if you are able to meet that morning at 8:00am in the parking lot at St. John.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Divine Service III
Tuesday	6:00 Long Range Planning Meeting; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:25 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Worship w/Communion
Thursday	12:30 Widow's Group to Arby's
Friday	8:15 Moms in Touch
Sunday	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Divine Service I

The Widows Group will meet this Thursday at Arby's at 12:30pm.

Mary Martha ladies will meet on September 9 at 1:30; we've planned programs for this year that will be informative, interesting and fun. Our Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale will be on November 6; any crafts and baked goods are much appreciated. We'd love for more ladies to join us as we learn and serve.

Labor Day Parade - The school and church will be walking in the annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 6. We will meet at Lincoln Square Mall around 9:30. This event is a family event. Please either walk with your child or have another adult responsible for your child while we are walking in the parade. We are encouraging everyone to wear a St. John Lutheran School shirt. If you have questions about this event, please talk to Faith.

Camp CILCA's Annual Chicken Fry is next Sunday, September 5th. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Please join us for Church Service beginning at 10:30. There will be an Auction starting at 2:00. As in prior years we are in need of desserts. Please contact the camp at 217-487-7497 (ask for Pauline) if you can make a donation for the auction or have a dessert you can donate. We hope to see everyone out at camp.

Athletics – Girls JV (5th and 6th) Volleyball is in need of a coach. Attendance at all practices is not necessary. The Varsity coach has the teams practicing together. But a coach is needed for games. If interested, and you would like to see a schedule, please contact Tiffany. First game is Saturday, September 11th.

LWML News - The new year is starting on September 20th and you are welcome to attend the LWML meetings held on the third Monday of every other month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider enjoying a good Bible Study, making special projects for others and just having fun with the fellowship that this group provides. LWML is helping the Food Pantry by having each member/guest bring a donation of food or cash for the Food Pantry to each meeting (canned vegetables & fruit, canned tuna – soups (no creamed soups), peanut butter & jelly, applesauce, jello, pasta & sauce – all brought to the white box in the coat room). Cash donations can be made to the St. John Welfare Fund. Consider attending the LWML Fall Zone Rally at St. Paul's Church in Mattoon, IL on September 14. Information can be obtained from contacting Jan. October 3rd is LWML Sunday and a special door offering is planned for the children of Haiti. LWML members will serve that Sunday as Ushers in recognition of the mission of LWML. If you need any other information, please contact Susan.

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 Sacrament of the Altar

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Bible Passage: **I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. John 6:47**

Hymn 580 *The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace*

Psalm 119:81-88

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Sending Out of the Seventy – Luke 10:1-16

The Seventy Return with Joy – Luke 10:17-24

The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37