



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Senior Pastor: Mark Elliott

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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 – Jay, Jay & Dave; 10:45 – Nick & Rob. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Mark & Colleen; 10:45 - Dan & Faith.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given by Dean & Karla in celebration of their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Warren, Fran, Rev. Chuck Johnson; *for healing and recovery:* Linda, Jim, Phyllis, Opal, Opal, Susan, Pats, Mary, Bob; *during treatments:* Gene, Juleigh, Barbara; *for peace and comfort:* Alice – mother of Sherry; *for strength, healing and hope:* Bill, Carolyn e; *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, Brandon, Keidi; *for our homebound:* Owen, Mary, Elden, Linda.

**A Farewell Potluck** is planned for Deaconess Kim on Sunday, September 12 after the late service in the fellowship hall. Drinks and table service will be provided. If you would like to attend, please bring a meat dish, a salad, a vegetable or a dessert to feed 12 people. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jan.

### **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 for Today-** During the Sunday School hour today all students will meet in 4C. They will be split into two groups. Students 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will watch a movie. Children 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in Mr. Neimann's 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The other two classes will begin on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 in the church overflow and on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 today or next Sunday 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. Materials are available in the fellowship hall to write her a message. Please drop your card or note off in the church office by Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to keep this a secret so do your best. If you have questions please call Rise

**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 interested people along if you are able to meet that morning at 8:00am in the parking lot at St. John. You can contact him.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Divine Service I
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Labor Day; Church and School offices closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 Adult Bible Class; 6:30 School Board; 7:00 Trustees, Fellowship Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:25 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 1:30 Mary Martha; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 Back to School Picnic/Open House
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 Handymen
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 Divine Service II; 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes; 10:45 Holy Communion; 4:00 LYF Kick-Off

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet at 6:30am this Thursday at Original Pancake House instead of El Toro.

**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 today. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. There will be an Auction starting at 2:00. We hope to see everyone out at camp.

**LWML News** - LWML will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for devotions and hear what our 2010-2011 year will bring us with projects. Refreshments will be served. It's almost time for the National Convention to be held in June 2011. St. John LWML will be preparing all year for this special occasion and your help will be appreciated as it's a huge event. Consider joining LWML for the fun & fellowship it provides and for the experience of the 2011 National Convention. Don't forget:

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.

**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 Ten Commandments

*The First Commandment* - **You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?* **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

*The Second Commandment* – **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean?* **We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

**Bible Passage: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**

Hymn 555 *Salvation unto Us Has Come, stanzas 1 and 2*

Psalm 138

Bible Readings for the Week:

Creation – The First Four Days – Genesis 1:1-19

Creation – Days Five and Six – Genesis 1:20-31

Creation – The Day of Rest – Genesis 2:1-7

Creation – Man and the Garden of Eden – Genesis 2:8-25