



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

May 11 & 12, 2024

## WELCOME!

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This Sunday's lessons are *Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23*, and *Luke 24:44-53*. Pastor Vergin's sermon is titled "The Comfort of Jesus' Ascension," it's based on *Ephesians 1:15-23*.

## Holy Communion

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In Holy Communion we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus under bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28).

Because taking part in this Sacrament is a visible act of unity (1 Corinthians 10:17), we kindly ask that those visiting from outside the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod complete a course of instruction with us before receiving the Sacrament. If you will not be communing, you are invited to come forward during the distribution with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

In keeping with Paul's admonition to examine ourselves before receiving Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28-29), the following questions can be used in your personal preparations:

- Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you believe that in this Sacrament we eat and drink Jesus' true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for our forgiveness?
- Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life according to His Word?

\*Gluten-free wafers are available, and a wine alternative is located in the center of the tray of individual cups of wine.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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*"O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of his goodness borne for our sake that after His example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
Colossians 3:17

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# PRAYER list

## PRAYERS

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**Prayers for Strength & Healing:** **Sandy** (hospice), **Kerry Rattinger's mother, Phyllis** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Newborn Arlo Davison** (health), **Teresa Taylor** (further testing), **Bill Kooi** (health), **Mark A.** (continued healing & strength), **Tom** (health, Parkinson's), **KD** (complications from Parkinson's), **Ross Klages** (health), **Becky Wade** (health), **Ken Larson** (healing), **Wesley** (health), **Arno Guske** (vision), **Ruth Pasman** (dementia), **Elijah Klages** (peace & healing), **Vicky & Louis Johnson** (health), **Todd Hardebeck, Sandy, Rob Eich, Steve, Ellyn, Malissa, Jonathan S., Betty J., Nancy Pringnitz, and Joan Fett** (cancer).

**Prayers for Safe Travels** for **Jeff D.**

**Prayers for Peace** for **Carol Hirr.**

**Prayers for Guidance** for **families** to be grounded in Christ.

**Lifting Up Our Church in Prayer:** On this Mother's Day we give thanks for those who have raised us and for those who have "mothered" us throughout our lives. God, you have provided for our needs through them. Thank you. Love is patient, kind, always protects, trusts, and perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

**Lifting Up St. John's School in Prayer:** Bless the preschoolers and kindergarteners that graduate this week. Be with the graduating eighth grade students who are concluding their time at SJLS. Be with these students and their families as they will be transitioning to new schools.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 616-842-4510 or [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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This week's altar flowers are sponsored by **Jane Kalavitz** in memory of John Kalavitz.

## ATTENDANCE

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From last week...5 p.m. Saturday: 61, 8:15 a.m. Sunday: 90, 10:30 a.m. Sunday: 104 **Total: 255**

## ONLINE GIVING

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Did you know that you can give monetary donations online? You can visit our website at [www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com](http://www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com) or scan the QR Code below.



## WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS

### **A Few Lines for Lutherans for Life:**

Without a doubt, Mother's Day is one of the biggest gifting days of the year. It has been called the "Super Bowl of florists" with delivery trucks frequently seen on mom's "special day." Where would we be without mothers, but on the other hand, there would be no reason to celebrate Mother's Day without children! Regardless of our age, we are all "children" of the Heavenly Father and were given as gifts from God to our mothers and fathers. This might seem like a convenient argument that no other gifts delivered on the doorstep are needed. They have us, right? But God the Father has actually never given up his ownership of us (John 17:9) and He shares it fully with His Son Jesus, the Author of Life (Acts 3:15). Jesus came to our doorstep to bring real life and full life. May all mothers know the joy of loving and keeping every daughter and son the Father gives (John 17:11-12).

### **As you do your spring cleaning, keep the Rummage Sale in mind!**

As you consider what to donate, please keep in mind that donations should be clean and in good condition. Please, no large appliances. You're welcome to drop off donations at the church 4-7 p.m. June 12 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 13. The sale will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 15. Cash and credit card will be accepted! The Ladies Aid appreciates all donations and volunteers. Help is needed with setup and take down. You can contact the church office at 616-842-4510.

Join us for our **special Pentecost and Confirmation celebration**. We will have one worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19. A reception in the Social Hall will immediately follow. We will also have worship at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

**A voters' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21**, in the Sanctuary. Voters will take action on the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. The church's new vision statement and logo will also be unveiled.

The weather is warming up, which means **it's time to clean up the St. John's campus**.

Join us 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, June 1, to spruce up the grounds. Please bring wheelbarrows, rakes and other helpful outdoor tools. Many hands make light work!

You're invited to join St. John's Lutheran School for an afternoon of talents on display. **The Talent Show will be held at 1 p.m. May 16** in the Sanctuary. It's sure to be an entertaining and delightful time!

The **Fellowship/Evangelism Board is hosting a church picnic** 12-4 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at Rycenga Park.

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, plus potato chips, water, lemonade, and iced tea. Please bring an additional dish to pass. We will not have access to electric outlets.

Activities include face painting, sand painting, a pinata, relay races, a cornhole tournament and games for the whole family. Guests are welcome.

For planning purposes, please register by scanning the QR code below. This is a **FREE EVENT!**



**It's time to support the Supper House of Muskegon.** A donation box is available in the Social Hall the weekend of May 11 & 12.

## SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Worship  
 9:35 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Worship

## MONDAY

Pastor's Day  
 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting  
 10 a.m. Preschool Graduation  
 10 a.m. Quilters  
 10:30 a.m. Recorders  
 1 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## TUESDAY

9 a.m. Staff Devotions  
 5:45 p.m. PPC Meeting  
 6 p.m. Handbells  
 7:15 p.m. Choir

## WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Praise Team

## THURSDAY

9 a.m. Prayer Group

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

5 p.m. Worship

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the Easter Breakfast! Also, thank you to the Endowment Fund and an anonymous donor for their donation towards the June Mission Trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum.

St. John's Youth Board

You're invited to **join the Tolliver family in celebrating Jocelyn & Laurel** graduating from Grand Haven High School. An open house will be held 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Mulligan's Hollow.

The **Board of Social Ministries is collecting diapers to support Positive Options.** The drive starts on Mother's Day and ends on June 16. A collection table is set up in the Social Hall. They need sizes 5 and 6. Positive Options could also use donations of lotions, wipes, and diaper creams.

**Please help families learn about St. John's** by reviewing or recommending our school on Facebook. Scan the QR code below to leave a 5-star review.



**You're invited to join us for our Superhero Summerama!** We're hosting our annual FREE event 5-7 p.m. June 17 & 18 at St. John's. We will provide dinner, activities, a Bible message, and crafts. Children who register by June 10 will receive a FREE cape! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 616-842-4510 or [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com). Scan the QR code below to register.



## ANNIVERSARIES

ANKERSEN, Cliff & Angie (45)	05/12	BROOKY, Mark & Sherry (42)	05/15
VON TOM, Philip & Erin (13)	05/13	ADAMS, CJ & Lauren (9)	05/16
HANSEN, Carl & Sylvia (30)	05/14		

## BIRTHDAYS

DANIELS, Joseph	05/12	COBB, Gary	05/15	ARENS, Michael	05/17
DE WIT, Leila	05/13	SAUNDERS, Nicole	05/15	LAMPINEN, Jaxson	05/17
OLSEN, Tracy	05/13	SCHEIL, Mary	05/15	LAMPINEN, Jayson	05/17
SPINK, Kathryn	05/13	VON TOM, Philip	05/15	SMITH, Alicia	05/17
TALARICO, Gregory	05/14	HICKS, Daniel	05/16	TIMMER, Rebecca	05/17
APPOLD, Lucas	05/15	LAMPINEN, Leo	05/16		