
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

Hebrews 6:19



St. John Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!

November 16/17

*We cordially welcome all who are worshipping with us this week.
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

VISITORS – you are invited to share your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entryway of the church.

COMMUNION POLICY

As an expression of our faith and fellowship as the Missouri Synod Lutherans we welcome to the Sacrament those baptized Christians who:

- confess and repent of their sins; believe in the Triune God, and in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior;
- believe that they receive Christ's true Body and Blood with the Bread and Wine for forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation;
- promise to change their sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Oneness at the altar requires oneness in doctrine, faith, and life (Acts 2:42). Therefore, "Let each person examine himself, and thus eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Visitors and Guests - please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the worship service.

Visitors and Members - please fill out a communion registration card found next to the hymnals. Please hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Visitors – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entry way of the church.

Parents – we encourage you to bring your children up with you during the communion celebration for a pastoral blessing. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

Divine Service Setting 1 (p.151)

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 664 – Fight the Good Fight

Sermon Hymn: 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Communion Hymn: 623 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Closing Hymn: 801 – How Great Thou Art

Readings

Old Testament Reading – Malachi 4:1-6

Epistle Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Holy Gospel Reading – Luke 21:5-8

Sermon

Sunday Lesson: Words Given

Introit

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: but my words will not pass away.

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

People: From where does my help come?

Pastor: My help comes from the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper;

People: the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

People: he will keep your life.

Pastor: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

People: from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: but my words will not pass away.

Prayer of the Day

All: O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Weekly Calendar- November 16 to 24

Saturday/16	5:00p	Holy Communion (Green)
Sunday/17	10:30a	Holy Communion (Green) Handbells Ring
Monday/18	1:00p 7:00p	LWML Immanuel Ladies Bible Study Peace
Wednesday/20	3:15p 5:30p	Choir Handbells
Thursday/21	9:00a 10:00a	Quilters Women Bible Study at St Mich
Saturday/23	5:00p	Worship (Green)
Sunday/24	10:30a	Worship (Green)

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. Phillip Phifer

Readers: Saturday – Don Schaedig
Sunday – Ivan Wirgau

Organist: Saturday – Deanna Karsten
Sunday – Deanna Karsten

Deacons: Saturday – Tyler Idalski & Andy Grulke
Sunday – Willard Bregé & Terry Bellmore

Ushers: Saturday – Deacons
Sunday – Madeline & McKenna Hardies

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us

Attendance: Saturday/9: 49; Sunday/10: 92

Holiday Related

Time For Thanks: St. John's Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00pm.

Christmas Decorating Committee Needs You

We thank Jackie Langlois for her many years chairing this special committee and now need a new person to chair the Christmas Decorating Committee. Please contact Donna Hopp if you are interested, 734-4240.

Do You Enjoy the Church Christmas Program?

A director is needed to make this a reality. Please prayerfully consider this role or teaming up with others to make it happen. No director, no program.

Decorator Wanted

In search of a decorating committee to make the school especially festive as we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season. See Mrs. Langlois if you are interested.

Handbells In Need Of A Few Ringers: Practice is on Wednesday evenings at 5:30-6:30 (except the 4th Wednesday of the month), at the church. We usually ring on the 3rd Sunday of the month. It is not necessary to have musical background as we will teach that to you. The music is color coded for ring left hand/ ring right hand. With Christmas nearing, it is a joyous time to ring praises as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth!! Any questions can be directed to Holly Wirgau, 734-2823 (please leave a message).

Christmas Outreach Tree Coming Soon

At this time names are being gathered and will be dispersed to our congregation after Nov. 22. We hope to have our tree up before Thanksgiving to give you ample time to shop. Distribution dates are Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 12. Will have more information coming soon.

11th Annual Advent/Christmas Festival of Music

Faith Lutheran Church of Hawks invites everyone to come rejoice our Lord in music on Sunday, December 1 at 3:00pm. One of the singing groups will be our St. John School kids. The program will be followed by potluck. Please come for a warm time of celebration and fellowship.

In Loving Memory of Gerald Urlaub

*A gift was given by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reisener
to the St. John School Computer Fund*



Thanks, Ladies and Vets!

Ladies Aid served pizza to a large group of 75 attendees and sponsored the VFW Post 507 presentation on our flag . Questions answered by the Vets & visiting was enjoyed by all.

Update About Our Adopt-A-Seminarian

Jared Townley, our Adopt-A-Seminarian, is currently completing his final year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He has completed his vicarage at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles and is now completing information for Call Day 2020. Jared and his wife, Emily, are eagerly looking forward to God's plan for their ministry to His people. Jared writes "Thank you so much for your prayers and support during my time at the seminary. As a new school year begins, I pray for God's richest blessings for you at St. John."

Cards and words of encouragement may be sent to Jared and Emily at 14 Founders Way, Unit D, St. Louis, MO 63105

Thrivent Choice

Thanks to the following Thrivent members who directed Thrivent Choice™dollars to the General Fund in the amount of \$693.00 during the months of May through October 2019:

Harry H. Fleming, Roger R. Fleming, Karen F. Liedtke,
Gerald O. & Nancy G. Mendrick, Donald C. & Marilyn R. Schaedig,
Renwood R. Schaedig, Delores M. Zampich.

We are grateful to our Thrivent members who direct their Thrivent Choice™dollars for the support of our mission and ministry here at St. John.

LWML Is Collecting Postage Stamps Once Again

Cut and trim 1/8 inch around the stamp. It should not be torn or frayed. Emphasis on foreign, old (1935) and real commemorative stamps. Please do not put stamps on store flyer papers. They will be discarded.

Money from sale of stamps will go to help translate the Bible into the Liberian language through American Bible Society.

Join the LCMS at the March for Life

What are you doing on Jan. 24, 2020? I hope you're making plans to join your church at the 47th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. I'll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event.

At 11 a.m. EST, we'll start gathering at the corner of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we'll join other marchers from around the world to walk up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you're able to come early, please join us the day before, on Jan. 23, for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel.

The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24. A continental breakfast will follow.

Save the date, and bring your school, group or family to Washington, D.C., to confess Christ in our nation's capital.

For directions and updates, visit lcms.org/march-for-life.

If joining the pre-march rally, please RSVP to the LCMS Church Information Center at infocenter@lcms.org or 888-843-5267.

Last Chance For Wreath Orders

Order forms can be found on the counter near the window in the narthex. Proceeds from the wreath sale will benefit St. John School's Curriculum Fund.

School News

BOTTLE DRIVE

The 8th grade students of St. John Lutheran School will be holding a bottle drive at 9:30am on Saturday, November 23 in the St. John School gymnasium. This fundraiser is to help the 8th graders get to Washington D.C. for their class trip. This trip will be a learning experience for the 8th graders. Help is wanted. If you are interested in helping sort bottles or have any questions or comments please contact the school at 734-3580.

Local Gift Cards For Sale

Do you enjoy giving gift cards, during the holiday season. We have many great cards leftover from Italian Auction Night. Call Monica, 766-8114, if you are interested in any of the following:

- Skills Grille
- Nowicki Sausage
- State Street Ripley Car Washes
- Car Quest
- Painted Lady
- P I Athletic Club
- Bolenz Jewelry
- Driftwood swim tickets
- Good Guys Adventure kayaks
- Thunder Bay Glass Bottom Boat Tickets
- Domaci Gallery
- Shawn Burtch Massage
- Bucks & Does Beauty Salon expires end of December 2019
- Dr. Karsten & Strzelecki eye care
- Crystal Flash certificates
- Nail Spa
- Apex , pickle ball
- American Gas Products certificates
- Jeans Gifts & Cards

Oil Changes at...

- Benny's Tire
- State Street in Alpena
- Onaway Tire
- Mike Lynch Ford

Kraut For Sale at the School

We have leftover kraut from the Kraut & Cookies sale. Stop by the school and purchase some at \$4 a quart.

Operation Christmas Child

You are more than welcome to be part of the school's Operation Christmas Child experience. Donations of non-liquid hygiene items, school supplies and small toys can be brought to the school office. You may also visit the school on November 18 if you would like to join us for the big box pack time.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

It's time to re-subscribe or subscribe to the Lutheran Witness at the congregational special rate of **\$12.00** per year. The Lutheran Witness (LW), which includes the Michigan District In Touch supplement, is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. LW provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective.

Your payment must be received on or before the weekend of December 7-8 in order to meet the District submission deadline of December 15. Please make your check payable to St. John Lutheran Church. You may include your check or cash with your weekly contribution envelope or give it to your Lutheran Witness Coordinator, Donald Schaedig, who will be pleased to provide additional information @ 734-3892 or dschaedig@hotmail.com.

YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS:

NAME _____ **\$12.00**

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK OR CASH

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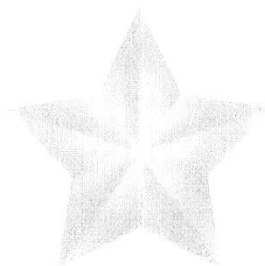
MEMBER CHALLENGE: LET'S ADD TEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Peace Lutheran Church
invites all area kiddos (pre-5th grade) to



"Give Thanks &
Follow "The Star"
(a Shipwrecked Saturday Adventure)

Join us for a FREE morning of
Music, Crafts, Games....
and an encore viewing
of the animated movie, "The Star"!



(A special craft is planned for our friends at Medilodge.)

- What:** A morning of FUN & Thankfulness
When: Saturday, November 23 from 9:30 a.m. - noon
(snacks are provided)
Where: Peace Lutheran Church, 1401 M-68 Hwy., Rogers City
Why: Because we CARE about YOU & Jesus does, too!

*Parents and older kids are invited to be helpers;
see you there!!*





St. Michael Lutheran Church's
Christmas Bazaar,
Bake Sale,

&

Soup Luncheon
Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Michael Lutheran School

5932 Co. Rd. 451

in Belknap

6 miles south of Rogers City
craft items, baked goods, homemade soup