We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure... Hebrews 6:19



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10/25/20 Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!

We cordially welcome all who are worshiping 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.

Services can be heard Sundays at 9:00am on 99.9 FM

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 Record of Fellowship sheet. On Communion Sundays include a note below your name, letting us know whether you participated in Communion.

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 Four (p.203) Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

<u>Hymns</u>

Opening Hymn: 656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **Hymn of the Day:** 579 – The Law of God Is Good and Wise **Distribution Hymns:**

972 – I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone 828 – We Are Called to Stand Together 653 – In Christ There Is No East or West **Closing Hymn:** 844 – Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Readings

Old Testament – Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18 Psalm – Psalm 1 Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 2:1–13 Holy Gospel – Matthew 22:34–46

Additional Rites

Confirmation – The rite of Confirmation will take place immediately following the sermon.

Those Being Confirmed Today:

Joshua Ronald Altman

Son of Tim & Kathryn Altman Birthdate: April 10, 2006; Date of Baptism: May 21, 2006 Baptismal Sponsors: John Spomer & Tammi Altman

McKenna Ruth Hardies

Daughter of Scott & Kristy Hardies Birthdate: May 9, 2006; Date of Baptism: July 09, 2006 Baptismal Sponsors: Laura Whitford & Julie Kleiber

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship Sheet

Including a note about whether you participated in the Service of Holy Communion.

For safety, the pencils will be sanitized each week.

OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

1And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy....

15"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

1For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

9For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11For you know how, like a father with his children, 12we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34–46

34When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?

45If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Introit

PSALM 9:1-2. 9-10: ANTIPHON: V. 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. 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. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Collect of the Day

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

<u>Officiant</u>: Rev. David Weirauch <u>Organist</u>: Deanna Karsten <u>Deacons</u>: William Brege & Terry Bellmore <u>Ushers</u>: Josh Altman

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us – October 18

Attendance: 80; Communed: 65

Offerings for October 18

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$2620 Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500 Mission: \$80; Maintenance & Improvement: \$110 Radio Fund Memorials: \$200

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

Some specific ways to pray for your pastor to support him during Pastor Appreciation Month

- Pray for his family protect his marriage, support his wife in her unique position, bless his children.
- **Teaching** May Jesus be seen in every message he is inspired to share.
- Peace and Joy Help him not to be anxious but thankful and prayerful in all things.
- Wise Counsel May the Scripture and Godly counsel support, strengthen and guide him.
- Blessing that he be blessed by the Lord.
- **Biblical Faithfulness** May he hold firm to the truth and teach what Scripture says.
- Encouragement That his hope is found in Jesus and that he is built up and supported by those around him.

In Our Prayers the Week of October 25

If you have a prayer request you would like included on our public prayer list or on our private prayer chain, make sure the person gives approval to be included on one or the other and then call or send the request to Pastor Weirauch. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.

Shut-ins at Medilodge

Geraldine Barr

Shut-ins Orchard Manor

Shirley Wenzel

Shut-in Sally's Care

Betty Rusch

<u>Shut-in at Home</u> Mark Bruning

Shut-ins Birch Lane Adult Foster Care

Ralph Kreft Royce Grulke

Recovering from Surgery

Connie Hopp (aneurism surgery Oct. 7) Corey Hentkowski

Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine, Carissa Lantz, Elizabeth Wickersham

In Loving Memory of Charles Horn

A gift was given by Nancy Horn to the St. John School Memorial Fund

In Loving Memory of Herbert & Esther Quade

A gift was given by Keith & Joyce Quade Donna & John Genord, Dale & Chris Quade and Karen Quade to the Radio Fund





St. John Calendar Oct. 25 to Nov. 1

Sunday/25	9:00a 10:00a	Communion & Confirmation Sunday School
Monday/26	5:30p	Handbells (New Day & Time)
Friday/30		Office Closed – NO SCHOOL
Saturday/31	5:30p	Trunk & Treat
Sunday/1	9:00a	Communion
	10:00a	Sunday School

St. John Office Hours This Week

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-2:30pm School is not in session on October 30.

Our Neighbors' Schedules

Immanuel Moltke, Sunday, 10:30am; Peace, Sunday, 9:30am



TRUNK AND TREAT October 31, 5:30-7:00pm

BRING YOUR GHOSTS AND GOBLINS!

We will be holding a Trunk and Treat in the Church parking lot and your trunk is needed to make this event possible. Please, decorate your trunk and bring treats to share with the community children. For more information call Donna Hopp 734-4240 or Joan Altman 734-2228.

Congratulations, Paula Streich!

For being awarded Teacher of the Year this year. Thank you for all the wonderful service and care you provide the children of our community.

St. John Ladies Aid Thanks You,

Laura Hentkowski, Dorothy Daniels and all the helpers, for making the donut sale a true success. We made \$1400. Thank you also to all our donut purchasers. Our God is an Awesome God!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of McKenna Hardies and Joshua Altman from Ron & Joan Altman



QUILTERS NEWS

We delivered 108 quilts to Immanuel in Alpena on October 17th. A big thank you to Luanne Bannasch and Donna Hopp for doing this. Our quilts this year were given to the Orphan Grain Train out of Sebewaing, Mich. We are hoping to get more information on their relief program.

We also contributed 5 donated comforters and 5 quilts to Franklin Mission in the Flint area. We did receive a wish list of needed items. If anyone would be interested in taking a project let us know, and we can get you started. It's a great feeling when you know that you are helping someone. We received some grants from Thrivent to purchase items that are needed, and we could use some solid colored sheets. Thanks to everyone who has prayed and supported us.

THRIVENT CHOICE

Thanks to the following Thrivent members who directed Thrivent Choice[™] dollars to the General Fund in the amount of \$216.00 during the months of July thru October, 2020: Ronald M Hopp, Roger R. Fleming, Karen F. Liedtke, R. Schaedig, Nancy E. Urlaub, Arthur Dennis Warriner, Delores M. Zampich.

We are grateful to our Thrivent members who direct their Thrivent ChoiceTMdollars for the support of our mission and ministry here at St. John. Please note that, as a reminder, you need to direct your "Choice Dollars" on a semi-annual basis. The deadline for directing 2020 "Choice Dollars" is March 31, 2021. Log on to your Thrivent account or call 1-800-847-4836 for help in directing your "Choice Dollars." Or, call Don at 734-3892 if you have need of assistance.



School News

A Special Thank You to St. John's students and teachers for their mite box collection. A check for \$160 was sent to the Michigan District to support mission work in the United States and around the world. *"Jesus Loves the Little Children."*

New Chapel Collection

We invite the congregation to join us with our next Chapel Offering mission, which is collection for Operation Christmas Child. We welcome monetary donations or items to help us pack as many boxes as we are able. You are also welcome to join us at Chapel, 9am on Wednesdays in the St. John Lutheran Church sanctuary. The children are excited to bring bars of soap and toothbrushes this week.

Online Giving: Powered by Kindrid

If you want a fast and easy way to help our school, you can now make donations online. Visit our web site: StJohnSoars.com. Click on the Give Now tab and fill out the information boxes. Thank you for helping us provide quality Christian education.



Order Form For

Christmas Wreaths

St. John Lutheran Church is selling Christmas wreaths. Proceeds go to St. John Lutheran School Curriculum Fund.

Wreaths cost \$20.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill in your information and indicate quantity desired below.

The wreaths are made with fresh balsam and cedar, decorated with pine cones, Christmas bulbs, and a red bow.

Wreaths can be picked up at St. John Church November 29.

Please make checks out to: SJLS Preschool Fund

Leave your order and payment in the "Wreath Order Box" in the church narthex, or you can drop your order off at the school office.

Any questions, call Nan Fleming at 734-3390.

Order deadline is November 17. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: _____

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Moltke Township 7134 Church Hwy., Rogers City

Ladies Aid Bazaar and Luncheon November 7, 2020 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken n' Biscuit Luncheon: Eat In or Take Out Bazaar Options: Order Ahead & Pick Up or Shop in Person ********

AVAILABLE TO ORDER AHEAD

Bake Sale Items: Pumpkin Roll (\$8 ea.) 25.00.

Pies: Berry, Pumpkin, Apple (\$10 ea.)
Breads: White, Whole Wheat, Swedish Rye, Colonial, Oatmeal Raisin (\$4 loaf)
Stollen: (\$8 ea.)
Fruit Cake: 1 lb. (\$8 each)
Cookies: Christmas Cutouts, Pecan Sandies, Phefferneusse Springerle'-8 in unit (\$4 dozen or unit)

Christmas Wreaths: (\$20)

Rada Knives and Kitchen Items: Prices vary

(Other items will be available at the church.)

Chicken n' Biscuit Luncheon:

Eat In: Adults \$8; Children (5-12) \$4; Under 5 – Free

Take out: 1 pint creamed chicken with two biscuits - \$10 1 quart creamed chicken with four biscuits - \$20

To order ahead: Call 734-4969 or 733-4056 by October 31st. Quantities are limited.





Get a tasty sub with ham, turkey, salami, cheese & toppings to raise funds for

"Keep the Fires Burning"

An effort to help flooded households in the Edenville and Sanford Dam areas replace their damaged furnaces.

Pick Up Subs on Nov. 8 after 9am worship service until noon

Cost: Free Will Donation Orders Due: November 2nd

Orders may be returned to the box in the St. John Church Narthex or St. John School office. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

Contact Joan (734-2228) or Donna (734-4240) if you have questions or to order by phone.

THIS FUNDRAISER IS A THRIVENT ACTION EVENT

Name

Number of Subs

Make checks out to St. John Lutheran Church.

Social Ministry Announcement About "Keep the Fires Burning"

The latest program of Michigan area St. John's Lutheran Church is a program to help households of the flooded Edenville and Sanford Dam area replace their damaged furnaces. The floods have subsided, but the devastation is still felt as people work to put back together what they've lost. With cold temps upon us timing of this program is crucial.

Individuals must fill out a form for assistance and be interviewed to see if they meet the criteria St. John's has in place for this assistance. Criteria being: Income is less than \$61,000 and their furnace was damaged in the flood. This program is in partnership with Wild's Plumbing and Heating.

One furnace is already being installed, another approved for installation, and three more applications have moved to the step of getting cost proposals by Wild's. One to two applications are received per week.

Financial backing for this project is supported by St. John's Social Ministry, application for a grant from Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, and from our church members. Donations for this project can be brought to St. John's Lutheran Church in Rogers City. Please write checks to St. John's Lutheran Church and include "furnaces" on the memo line.

If you have questions about our local involvement, contact Joan Altman at 734-2228. If you would like to talk to someone on the project, call Joyce Battjes or Dennis Hitzeman at 989-430-7166.

Please continue to keep the victims of these floods in your prayers as well as Social Ministry's work to assist as many people as we can to have heat in their homes. *Thank you.*