

# St. John Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 460 W. Erie Street • Rogers City, MI 49779 • 989-734-3580 www.stjohnsoars.com

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St. John Service can be heard Sundays at 10:30am on 99.9 FM

Lutheran Hour is Sundays at 7am on 92.5 FM & 11am on 1450 AM You can also listen online or via podcast at www.lutheranhour.org

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.

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

#### 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).

# September 18, 2022

# **Divine Service, Setting One** LSB 151

#### **Prelude**

#### Bells

#### Welcome

### Hymns

"Thy Strong Word"	<i>LSB 578</i>
"In Thee Is Gladness"	LSB 818
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	LSB 805
"For The Fruits of His Creation"	LSB 894
"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"	LSB 625
"O Lord, We Praise Thee"	LSB 617
"Praise and Thanksgiving"	LSB 789

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:10-11

Epistle: Romans 8:18-25

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

**Sermon:** The Reckless Sower *Text: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23* 

#### Prayer of the Church

- P God, our Father in heaven ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Introit: Psalm 119: 137–140

- **P** Your testimonies are righteous forever;
- **G** give me understanding that I may live.
- P Righteous are you, O LORD,
- **C** and right are your just decrees.
- P You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
- **C** and in all faithfulness.
- P My zeal consumes me,
- **C** because my foes forget your words.
- **P** Your promise is well tried,
- **C** and your servant loves it.

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.

**Psalm:** A portion of Psalm 113

- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
- **©** Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

#### Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Pastor Lemley
Organist: Paula Streich
Reader: Candace Kowalski
Deacons: Tyler Idalski & Rich Lamb

**Ushers:** Morgan Bruning & McKenna Hardies

# **Those Sharing Their Faith With Us Last Week**

Attendance: 80

# Offerings for September 11

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$2510

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$4000

Mission: \$130; M & I: \$55; Table/Chair Rental: \$52

Immanuel Share Insurance: \$233

# St. John Calendar September 18-25



Sunday/18	10:30a	Communion LWML Noisy Can School Bags Due
	11:30a	Voters Meeting
Wednesday/21	6:00p	<b>Dual Parish Deacons</b>
Thursday/22	5:30p	Handbells
Sunday/25	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship

THIS WEEK OFFICE: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm

The school office is open, during school hours.

A school calendar is posted on StJohnSoars.com

11:30a

#### **PASTOR LEMLEY OFFICE:**

Mon & Tues: 10am-3pm; Wed: After 2:00pm by appt.

# In Our Prayers This Week

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 Lemley. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.

#### Shut-ins at Home

Mark Bruning, Rosie Bruning

#### Shut-in Medilodge

Royce Grulke

#### Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine

#### **Prayers & Letters Appreciated**

Michael Bowman's new address: 668 E. South Airport Rd. Traverse City, MI 49686

### **Newly Married Couples**

David Quaine & Stefanie Saucier Aaron Florip & Meagan Koss

Baked Potato Bar for Pastor Appreciation

#### **Family Additions**

Ben and Samantha Basel on the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Josephine, born August 3
Tyler and Christine Idalski on the birth of their daughter, Emmalyn Caroline, born August 17

# To Remember in September...

#### **School Bags Almost Due**

Reminder to those who filled the school kits for Orphan Grain Train: They need to be back to church by September 18. A big thank you for giving of yourself to fill the bags.

**LWML Noisy Offering** will be collected at the Sunday Service on September 18. The need is to help fullfill the grants that have been proposed at Michigan District LWML Convention.

**Voters Meeting** will be held on September 18, following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

# **Dual Parish Deacons Meeting**

will be held 6:00pm, September 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

# Handbells Are Ringing

Handbells will be practicing on Thursdays at 5:30. Please prayerfully consider giving us a try. Thanks. — Holly Wirgau 989-916-7617

### **New Start Date for Sunday School**

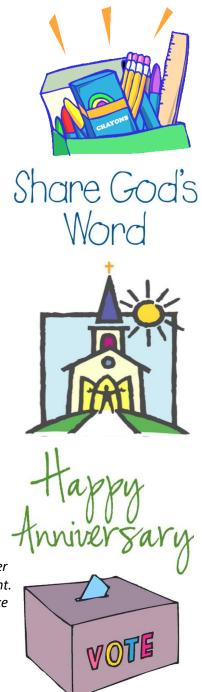
A little more prep time is needed. Sunday School will begin again on September 25.

#### **Celebration Sunday**

Immanuel and St. John invites you to join us for the Celebration of Pastor Lemley's birthday and Pastor Appreciation on September 25 after church in the St. John Church basement. There will be a Baked Potato Bar, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Sundaes.

### **Dual Parish Council Meeting**

will be held 10:00am, September 29 at St. John for the purpose of all Process.



#### **In Loving Memory of Emily E. Amy**

A gift was given by her niece & nephew Melissa & David Guzy to the Church General Fund



# St. John Church Is Starting to Plan October...

**Confirmation Classes** will begin on Tuesday, October 4, right after school.

October Calendar will be worked on soon. Let us know your event info.

# St. John School News...

#### Looking for Cabbage!

If you or someone you know has cabbage and wants to donate, the Kraut & Cookie Fundraiser is accepting cabbage for cutting, curing and selling. We have a parent, Andy Samp, that knows how to turn cabbage into kraut. Please contact 464-1683. Thanks, Andy, for sharing your talents!

# Win a Gift Card Contest!

Purchase Scrip business gift cards and ask your family, friends and neighbors to buy them, too. Make sure your student name is included on each purchase. The student name with the highest EARNINGS from the % earned will win their choice of \$10 gift card. Contest begins now and ends at noon on September 30. Orders on  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Mondays. 766-8114

#### Let Us Know Your TALENTS!

Please, contact 989-766-8114 to SHARE your God given talents and volunteer for the Italian Dinner & Auctions event. It's going to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022. But, there is volunteer time now available with this event. Thank YOU!

#### **New Fundraiser: Coke Rewards**

**How it works?** Gather Coke caps > Go to coke.com > Set up your account > Click on "give" > See "donate to your local school" > Click "donate now" > Type "49779" > Scroll to "SJLS" and click (Be careful to choose us.) > Type in your cap code > Click red arrow > Redo steps to add more codes.