

## The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

### Sunday, 1/15

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist\* (& Sanctuary)  
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 4:00pm - Midland Area Interfaith Friends (Wms. Hall)  
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)  
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

### Monday, 1/16 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am - Morning Prayer\*  
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)

### Tuesday, 1/17

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Waring Room)  
 10:00am - St. Martha's Guild (Williams Hall)  
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm - Vestry (McNab Room)  
 8:00pm - Compline\*

### Wednesday, 1/18

10:00am - Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)  
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist\* (and Chapel)

\*Facebook Live      +Zoom

### Thursday, 1/19

8:00am - Morning Prayer\*  
 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together (Activity Rm.)

### Friday, 1/20

9:30am - Rotary District 6310 Foundation Committee Meeting (McNab Rm)  
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 5:00pm - Evening Prayer\*  
 5:00pm - Meditation (Williams Hall)

### Saturday, 1/21

10:00am - Preschool Open House (Preschool)  
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 3:00pm - ACA (McNab Room)  
 7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)  
 8:00pm - Compline\*

### Sunday, 1/22

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist\* (& Sanctuary)  
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

## Our Daily Prayers



*Please keep the following people in your prayers ...* Ian Alsgaard, James Robinson, Phil Robinson, Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Jim & Sue R., Beth Porreca, Anita, Doug, Vincent, Janeene Brady, Kristi, Arra, Jay, Penny, Ashlee,

Cynthia Kinnear, Diane, Adam Johnson, Grace, Frank Hudson, Katie Pelch, Nicole, and Catherine Strong.

*Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week...* 19-Glen & Beth Chateaufeur

*Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ...* 15-Tammy Angell, Linda Carter, 21-Thomas Lane, Dave Whisler, Vic Albright

*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Dioceses of Eastern & Western Michigan;*

PRAY for The Academy for Vocational Leadership - teachers, students, and participants; St. Matthew, Saginaw - Mary Jo Hudson, Priest in Charge; Church of the Resurrection, Battle Creek - Terri Orolin, Senior Warden

*In our international Anglican prayer cycle;* PRAY for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Online Calendar:** Click on the "Calendar" link at top right of our website & explore in a dynamic monthly or weekly format. Click on an entry and, if info is available, a brief description will share more about that ministry or event. Keep tabs on all going on at St. John's and share those happenings with others!

## Pastoral Care

*Do you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit from our clergy or lay visitors?*

*... who is a patient in one of our area hospitals?*

*... who should be added to our prayer list?*

With their permission, please contact our church office and pass this information along to us so that we may respond appropriately. It's always better to get a message more than once than not at all! In the case of a pastoral emergency outside of office hours, please contact: **The Rev. Jim Harrison 810-516-2159 (cell).**

*These parishioners serve St. John's through our Pastoral Care ministry. St. John's is grateful for their time and love of neighbor.*

Charles Bash	Bob Estabrook	Roni Rogers
Faye Ebach	Jan Marcou	Pat Roush

Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto:office@sjec-midland.org)

- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++ email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle

*We appreciate your ongoing support!*

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Please consider making a gift today. Visit [tinyurl.com/Give2SJE](http://tinyurl.com/Give2SJE), mail your check to the church or place it in the drop box outside the office entrance.

**Next Sunday's Readings - January 22, 2023**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4                      1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13                Matthew 4:12-23

*Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.*

*"Preparing for Sunday" on our website: [www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources](http://www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources) provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.*

the Parish Office will be **CLOSED**  
**Monday, January 16**  
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

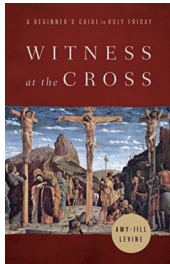


**Contribution/Offering Envelopes** for the upcoming year have been unexpectedly delayed.  
*Thank you for your patience!*



**We're headed back to the basement!**

The *Bible in the Basement* study group is reconvening **TONIGHT**, at 6:30 pm. This bible study and book group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Activity Room in the lower level of the church. In January we will be using the book *Witness at the Cross* by Amy Jill Levine. **Everyone is welcome!**



Please contact Alicia Watt, Sara Philo, or Ellen McVey for more information.

**WORSHIP SERVERS!!** It's that time again. Karen Newhouse has probably already emailed you so get back to her at [kbnew40@yahoo.com](mailto:kbnew40@yahoo.com) with your serving availability for the coming months.



**Set Your Sights on Volunteering**

"Family" is all about making ourselves available to those we care the most about. This is true, whether it is our biological family or our church family.

We, at St. John's, are in great need of "Eucharistic Ministers" for Worship Services / Home Visits as well as non-Eucharistic Visitors to the home.

All are invited to an informational training session next Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10am with Rev. Jim Harrison and Chris Lauckner.



**ANNUAL MEETING**



**Sunday,**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**12:30 PM**  
**Williams Hall**

Our Annual Meeting will be held in Williams Hall on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 12:30 pm following a catered luncheon at 11:30 am. We need accurate attendee numbers to plan for the meeting and place the order for lunch. Please RSVP to the parish office (989-631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto:office@sjec-midland.org)).

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE AS MANY ATTEND AS POSSIBLE SO WE HAVE A QUORUM.**

Nominations for elected positions close **NEXT SUNDAY.** (see below for additional information)

A draft of the meeting agenda along with many other details is available in the recently published [January 2023 Epistle](#).

**NOMINATIONS**



**NEXT SUNDAY (Jan 22)** is the **LAST DAY** to submit nominations for candidates for church office to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Positions are available on **Vestry** (3-year term), the **Endowment Committee** (3- year term), and delegates to the **Annual Diocesan Convention** (4 plus 2 alternates). If interested, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

*Jesse Donahue* ([jdonahue8001@gmail.com](mailto:jdonahue8001@gmail.com); 989-600-1323)  
*Sara Philo* ([spara245@yahoo.com](mailto:spara245@yahoo.com); 989-486-1312)  
*Lee Smith* ([optimalvalue@att.net](mailto:optimalvalue@att.net); 989-859-9746).

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the corridor outside Williams Hall. Please consider accepting nomination to one of these important opportunities to serve St. John's, or nominate someone else (but ask them first!).

**SAMS Pantry's ask for January...**

**some kitchen basics!**



- hand-operated can openers
- aluminum foil
- plastic wrap



**THANK YOU** for you ongoing generosity!

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Below is an invitation to participate in a Building Bridges Listening Session. Building Bridges is the bi-diocesan effort to shepherd the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern & Western MI through a process of discernment to make a recommendation regarding the structure, governance, and Episcopal (bishop) oversight of our dioceses. Bishop Singh will attend each listening session and Building Bridges team members will guide the discussion. All are invited to participate so that we can hear from everyone in this significant time of listening.

Please note that while you can attend any session, there is one scheduled for **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2023 @ Holy Family, 4611 Swede Ave., Midland**. It's important to *register in advance* (details below) so that the facilitation teams know how many are attending and can prepare accordingly. If you have any questions, you may contact Ellen McVey, a member of the Building Bridges team.


# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESES OF EASTERN & WESTERN MICHIGAN

## Building Bridges Listening Sessions

In this next phase of the Building Bridges conversation, our Steering Committee is reaching out to people across our two dioceses to hear what is important to you as we explore this new season of practice and dream about what we might do together.

To that purpose, Bishop Singh invites you to join him for in-person and virtual listening sessions from December 2022 to February 2023.

In-person gatherings, each from **2:00-3:00 p.m.**, are scheduled for:

- ⇒ Sunday, December 4, 2022 - St. John's, Dryden
- ⇒ Sunday, December 18, 2022 - Church of the Resurrection, Battle Creek
- ⇒ Sunday, January 15, 2023 - St. Mark's, Newago
- ⇒ **Sunday, January 22, 2023 - Holy Family, Midland** 
- ⇒ Sunday, January 29, 2023 - Grace Church, Traverse City
- ⇒ Sunday, February 5, 2023 - St. Andrew's Gaylord

The virtual sessions will run from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** and are scheduled for:

- ⇒ Tuesday, January 10, 2023
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 18, 2023
- ⇒ Thursday, January 19, 2023
- ⇒ Monday, February 6, 2023
- ⇒ Thursday, February 9, 2023

Please visit <https://eastmich.org/bbsc-sessions/> or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-bridges-listening-sessions-tickets-469126579227> to learn more and RSVP for the session that works best for you.



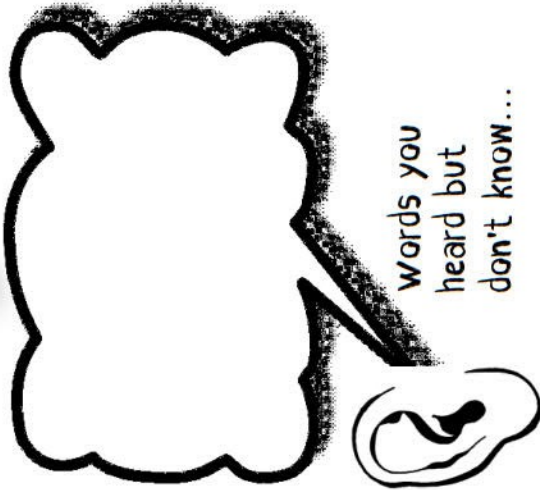
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



Favorite song today was:

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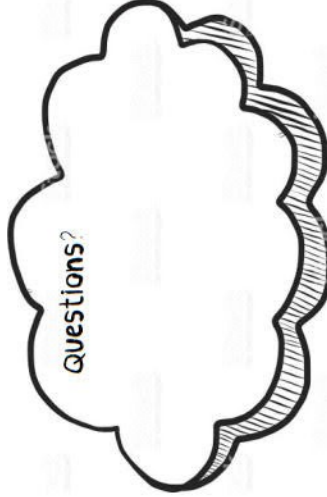
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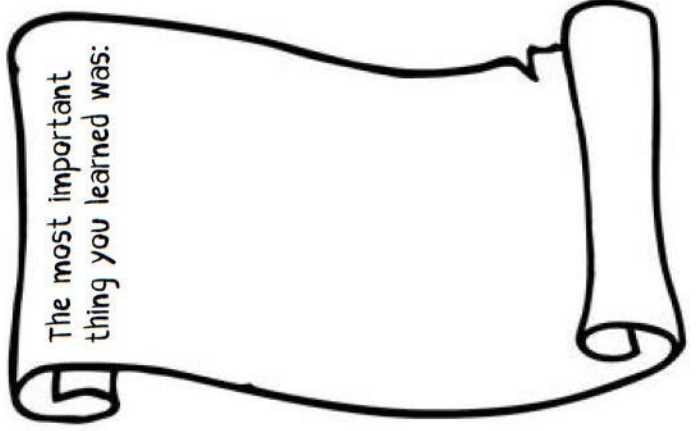
Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



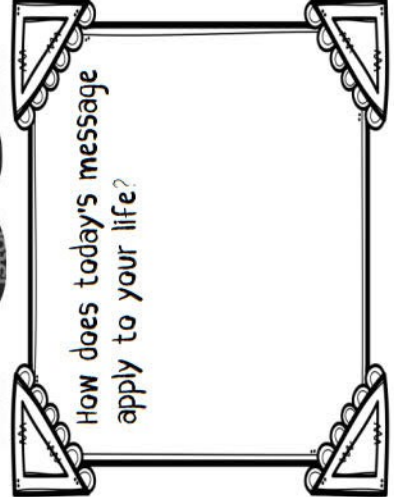
Questions?



The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?



What are we learning about God from this passage?

