

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 8/20

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist* (& Sanctuary)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 8/21

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)

Tuesday, 8/22

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Waring Room)
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 4:30pm - Finance Committee (McNab Room)

Wednesday, 8/23

10:00am - Women's Bible Study
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 5:30pm - Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)
 6:00pm - Popup Bible Study (Waring Room)
 6:30pm - Meditation (Courtyard)

*Facebook Live +Zoom

Thursday, 8/24

10:00am - Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:30pm - Welcoming Committee (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Preschool Parent Orientation (Williams Hall)

Friday, 8/25

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 8/26

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 3:00pm - ACA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 8/27

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Backpacks* (& Sanctuary)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am - Chancel Choir Potluck (Williams Hall)
 12:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:30pm - Harmony Diversity Choir Rehearsal (Wms. Hall)

Point your phone's camera here to view these announcements electronically



Online Calendar: Click on the "Events" 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!

Our Daily Prayers



Please keep the following people in your prayers... Ian Alsgaard, Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Beth Porreca, Anita, Doug, Vincent, Janeene Brady, Kristi, Arra, Penny, Ashlee, Betty Kirkley, Mary Hart, Josh, Anne Wright, and the people of Maui.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 23-Charles & Chris Sharp

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 24-Janna Luebker, Judy Youngquist

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

PRAY for St. Paul's, Harsens Island - Kathy Harrison, Sr. Warden; St. John's, Grand Haven - Jared Cramer, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Church of England



Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

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

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: **Chris Lauckner 989-708-4536 (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

Chris Esquivel

Jan Marcou

Roni Rogers

Faye Ebach

Bob Estabrook

Pat Roush

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/Give2SJEC, mail your check to the church, place it in the drop box outside the office entrance, or point your phone's camera here:



Next Sunday's Readings - August 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Psalms 124

Matthew 16:13-20

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" linked on our website:

<https://www.preparingforsunday.com/Lectionary/bb47mr95rd/> provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.

The Chancel Choir is BACK!!

If you like to sing (and if you like to eat!), please join us for a potluck lunch and rehearsal on **Sunday, August 27**. Lunch will be in Williams Hall from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and rehearsal in the Sanctuary from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.



All are welcome!!



SAVE THE DATE - September 8 Memorial Presbyterian Church

ACT is celebrating 20 years of working with our partners in Uganda. Join us for a fundraising

dinner where you will enjoy a Ugandan-inspired dinner, gift basket raffle, video messages from our Ugandan partners, an overview of accomplishments, and an update on where we are headed. Contact Lynn Pottenger at 11lhpot@gmail.com for information and tickets.

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR!

Please consider signing up to host a fellowship hour on an upcoming Sunday. A sign-up is posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall with available Sundays through the end of the year. Guidelines for hosting are also posted. If you have any questions, contact Tony Germain (989-430-0210 / germainaj@gmail.com)



Ushers / Greeters Needed

If you have an interest in being an **Usher/Greeter** or just curious what this role involves, now's your chance! The **Welcoming Committee** is looking for existing ushers/greeters to continue in their great work and encouraging anyone interested to give it a try! You can be involved as an individual or with a friend/spouse/child/youth. The commitment could be as little as once every three months. If you would like more information or would like to get involved please reach out to Linda Germain (lkestabrook@gmail.com) by **September 10th**.

It's back to school time!

We would like to send you off with lots of prayers and many blessings! Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to church on **Sunday, August 27**, for a backpack, laptop bag, purse, cell phone, briefcase or bag you carry blessing during the 10am service. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. St. John's wishes ALL of the students and teachers a wonderful school year!



Popcorn Sales!



Nathan Germain is a cub scout in Pack 3768 and an active member of St John's children's group. He will be selling cub scout popcorn after

both services on **Sunday, August 27**, to support his scouting adventure. The popcorn offerings range in price from \$15 to \$50, which includes a built in donation of over 70% to scouting. Cash, check, and credit cards are all accepted. He can also accept donations of any amount that will be used to purchase popcorn to be given to local educators. If you would like to support Nathan's sale but are not able to attend in person, please contact Tony Germain (989-430-0210 / germainaj@gmail.com)



Joyful Noise begins Monday, Sept. 11

Joyful Noise Music and Motion is a free class offered for children ages 4 through 5th grade that meets on Mondays from 6:00-6:45 pm.

All are Welcome! If you have any questions please email Joyful Noise at joyfulnoise48640@gmail.com.

Preschool Fundraiser - Fall Mums

Vouchers can be purchased for \$20 and are available in the parish office **now through September 21**. They can be redeemed for 1 mum each at Lapham's Flowers in Midland or Mt. Pleasant



SAMS Pantry needs... some kitchen basics!



- aluminum foil
- plastic wrap
- storage bags

and plastic grocery bags!!



THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity!

Seeking Element Bearers

Element Bearers carry bread and wine from the back of the church to the altar for use in communion during the 10am Sunday service, and at other services throughout the Liturgical year. Suspended during the pandemic, we would now like to resume this ministry. If you are interested in serving St. John's in this capacity, please contact Karen Newhouse (kbnew40@yahoo.com).





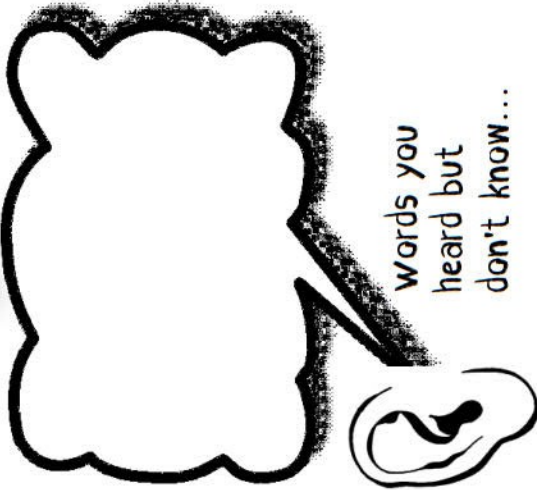
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

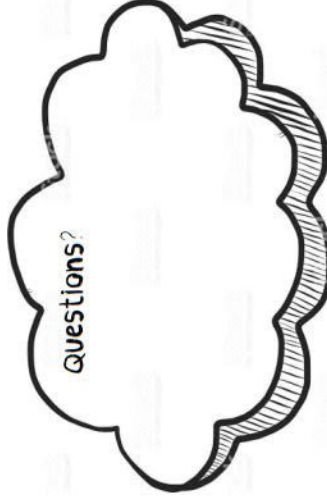


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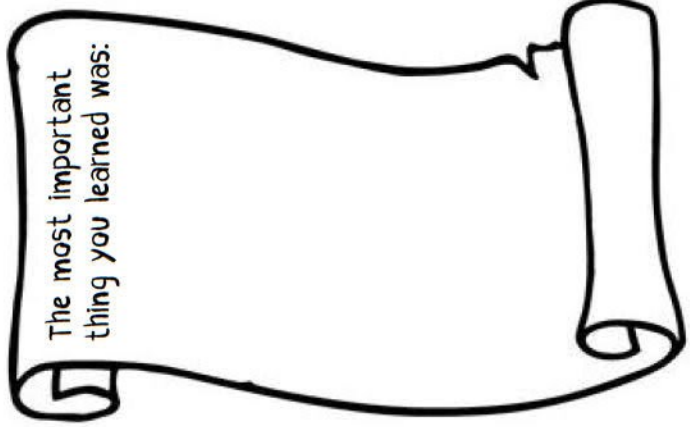


Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

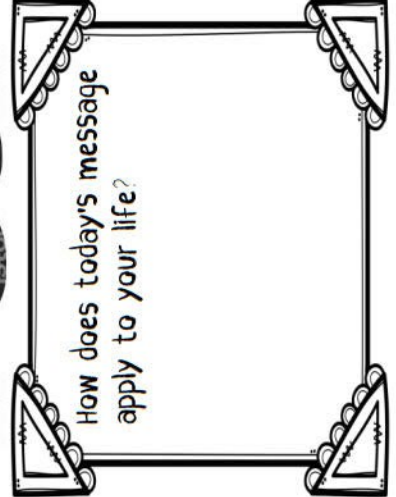
Questions?



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?

