

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 8/17

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)
 4:00pm - Lux Board Meeting (Library)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 8/18

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Popup Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday, 8/19

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm - Pastoral Care Committee (McNab Room)
 6:30pm - Vestry (McNab Room)

Wednesday, 8/20

10:30am - Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)

1:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 5:30pm - Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)
 6:30pm - Christian Meditation (Courtyard)

Thursday, 8/21

9:00am - Drop-In Coffee Shop Office Hours (Grove)

Friday, 8/22

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 5:45pm - Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

Saturday, 8/23

8:00am - Camerata Retreat (Williams Hall)
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 8/24

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:00am - Chancel Choir Retreat (McNab/Sanctuary)
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams 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...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Dean, Char Bakeman, Betty Kirkley, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene Adams, Levi, Lynn Miller, the family of Matthew Barnes, Eva, Bill, Linda Johannsen, Bernice, Ed Patterson, and Marnie Bash.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... none

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 17-Jason Spindler Jr., 19-Charles Bash, Glen Chateauneuf

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. Luke's, Roger's City - Jeri Eldridge, Senior Warden; St. Mark's, Newaygo - BJ Heyboer, Rector; For William Fleener, Jr., Chancellor of the Diocese of the Great Lakes **In our international Anglican prayer cycle;** PRAY for The Scottish Episcopal Church

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:



The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners

Chris Esquivel

Chris Lauckner

Jan Marcou

Pat Roush

Chris Schuster

Fred Schuster

*Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell).***

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

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 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hebrews 12:18-29

Psalms 71:1-6

Luke 13:10-17

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

The Episcopal Church provides a Lectionary Calendar with links to all the upcoming and past readings:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/>

Wednesday Noon in the Chapel - August 20, 2025

Commemoration: Jonathan Myrick Daniels

Amos 5:18-24

Galatians 3:22-28

Psalms 85:7-13

Luke 1:46-55



How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly:

<https://calendly.com/sjec-rector>

Drop in for Coffee Shop Office Hours:

Thurs., 9-11 AM. This month you can find her at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Rd.)



**NEW
UPDATE!**

Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! The new instrument is scheduled to be

completed by October, and we can't wait to hear it fill our sanctuary with music. So far, we've raised

\$205,480.28 of our \$330,660

goal—thank you to all who have given so generously! We're still accepting donations through *The Mair Alsgaard Memorial Organ Fund*, and every contribution brings us closer to the finish line.



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, September 7, to support

his scouting adventure.

The popcorn offerings range in price from \$20 to \$25 and the prices include a built in donation of over 70% to scouting. Cash, check, and credit cards are all accepted. Donations of any amount are also accepted and will be used to purchase popcorn for first responders and military personnel.

If you would like to support Nathan's sale but are not able to attend in person, please contact Tony Germain (germainaj@gmail.com / 989-430-0210).

All are welcome to join the **SJEC Chancel**

Choir as we kick off our year with a covered dish meal after church on

Sunday, **August 24**, in the McNab Room, followed by a rehearsal in the Sanctuary. We will then reconvene

on Sunday morning, **September 7**, at 8:30am in the Choir Room for our first Sunday of the season. We hope to see you there! Please direct all questions to **Dr. Amon Eady** at amon@sjec-midland.org



**SIGN UP
NOW!**



MINISTRY FAIR 2025 will take

place on **September 14** during the Fellowship Hours

following both worship services. If you would

like your St. John's ministry to be represented,

contact Deb Blackhurst to reserve table space.

dablackhurst@aol.com / 989-859-3214

Children's programming begins September 7 with Sunday School for children infant through 5th grade. Let's see what adventures we can take through the Bible and grow with God!

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, September 7, 10am Service

It's back to school time! We will send you off with lots of prayers & many blessings! Bring your backpack, laptop bag, purse, cell phone, briefcase or other bag you carry, & get a tag & a blessing that will remind you God is with you throughout the day & school year. **St. John's wishes ALL of the students & teachers a wonderful school year!**



SAMS

Pantry

SAMS is currently in need of the following items:

Cereal/snack bars (back to school is upon us), canned soup, Jello, pudding, spices (salt, pepper, garlic powder, chili, etc.), flour, baking powder, baking soda, corn starch, cake mix, frosting, aluminum foil, zipper storage bags, tissue paper. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin at the back of the church. Financial donations can be made by placing a check in the offering with "SAMS Pantry" written in the memo line.

I came to bring fire
to the earth...



WWJD?

I THOUGHT
I KNEW!

WHAT DOES HE
MEAN BY THAT?

NOT
SURE.

FOR
SURE

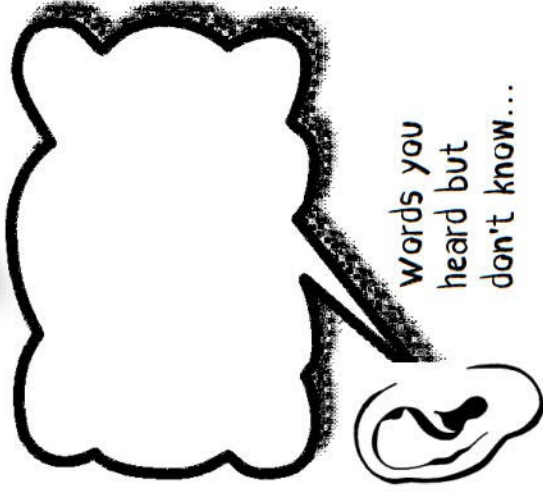
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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...

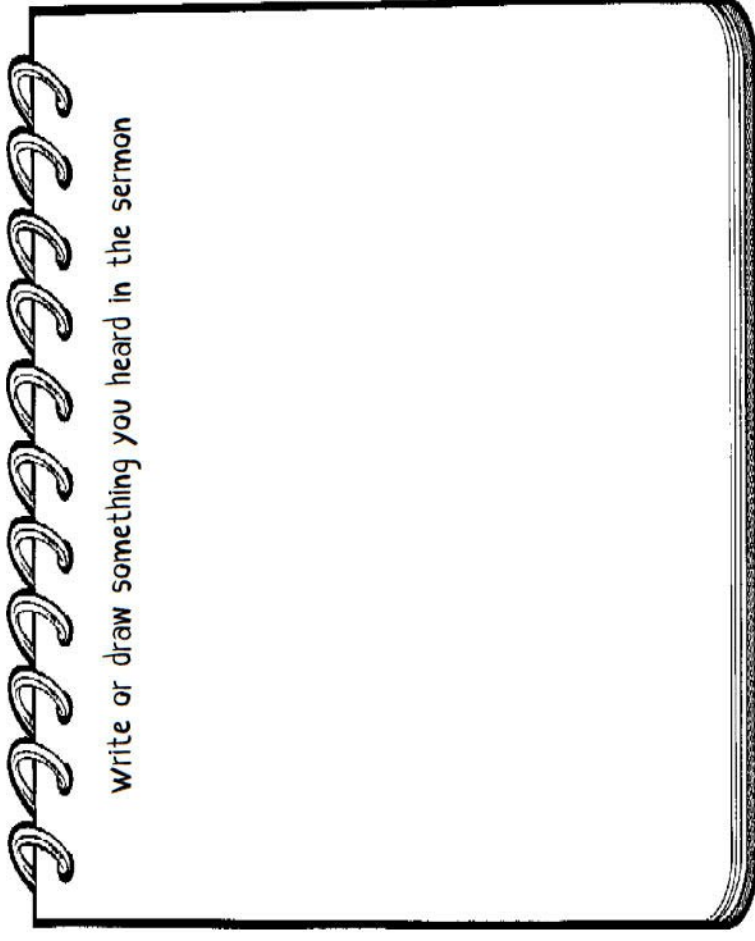
What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

chapter:

verse:

Favorite song
today was:



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?

