

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

### Sunday, 8/31

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)  
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

### Monday, 9/1 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am - St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)  
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm - Popup Bible Study (Library)

### Tuesday, 9/2

9:00am - Building & Grounds Committee (McNab Room)  
 10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Library)  
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

### Wednesday, 9/3

10:30am - Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)  
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)  
 1:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 6:30pm - Christian Meditation (Courtyard)

### Thursday, 9/4

9:00am - Drop-In Coffee Shop Office Hours (Grove)  
 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

### Friday, 9/5

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

### Saturday, 9/6

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

### Sunday, 9/7

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:00am - Cub Scout Popcorn Sales (Williams Hall)  
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Backpacks (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)  
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

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, 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...*** 8/31-Jim & Brenna Jackson, 9/2-Stephen & Charlotte Jacqmain, 9/6-Vic & Toshia Albright

***Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week...*** 9/2-Ava Massey, 9/3-Jack Philo, 9/6-Jerry Nielsen

***Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;*** PRAY for St. John's, Alma - Doug Ballard, Senior Warden; St. Johns-by-the-Lake, Onekema - Brian Coleman, Priest-in-Charge  
***In our international Anglican prayer cycle;*** PRAY for The Church of South India (United)

### 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

## 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).***

### ***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](http://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 - September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1-21

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*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 - Sept. 3, 2025

Commemoration: Phoebe

Ezekiel 2:1-7

Romans 16:1-7

Psalms 40:4-10

Luke 11:42-54



### 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.)



The Parish Office will be closed

Monday, September 1

in observance of Labor Day

**CLOSED**



### Calling all St. John's Men

Monday, September 1, 8:00 AM!!

Join us for food and fellowship at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd.

### 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.



Tai Chi will take a break this week resuming on **Wednesday, September 10**, with **Tai Chi for Arthritis** at 5:30 PM in Williams Hall.

Sign up to host Coffee Hour on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall



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!



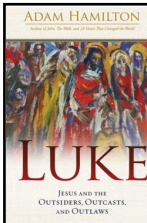
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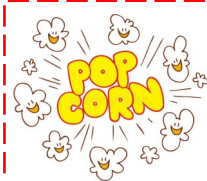
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**, is our

**MINISTRY FAIR** in Williams Hall!

Representatives from a wide range of St. John's ministries will be available after both services to offer information and answer questions. Come and find a new way to share your time and talent!



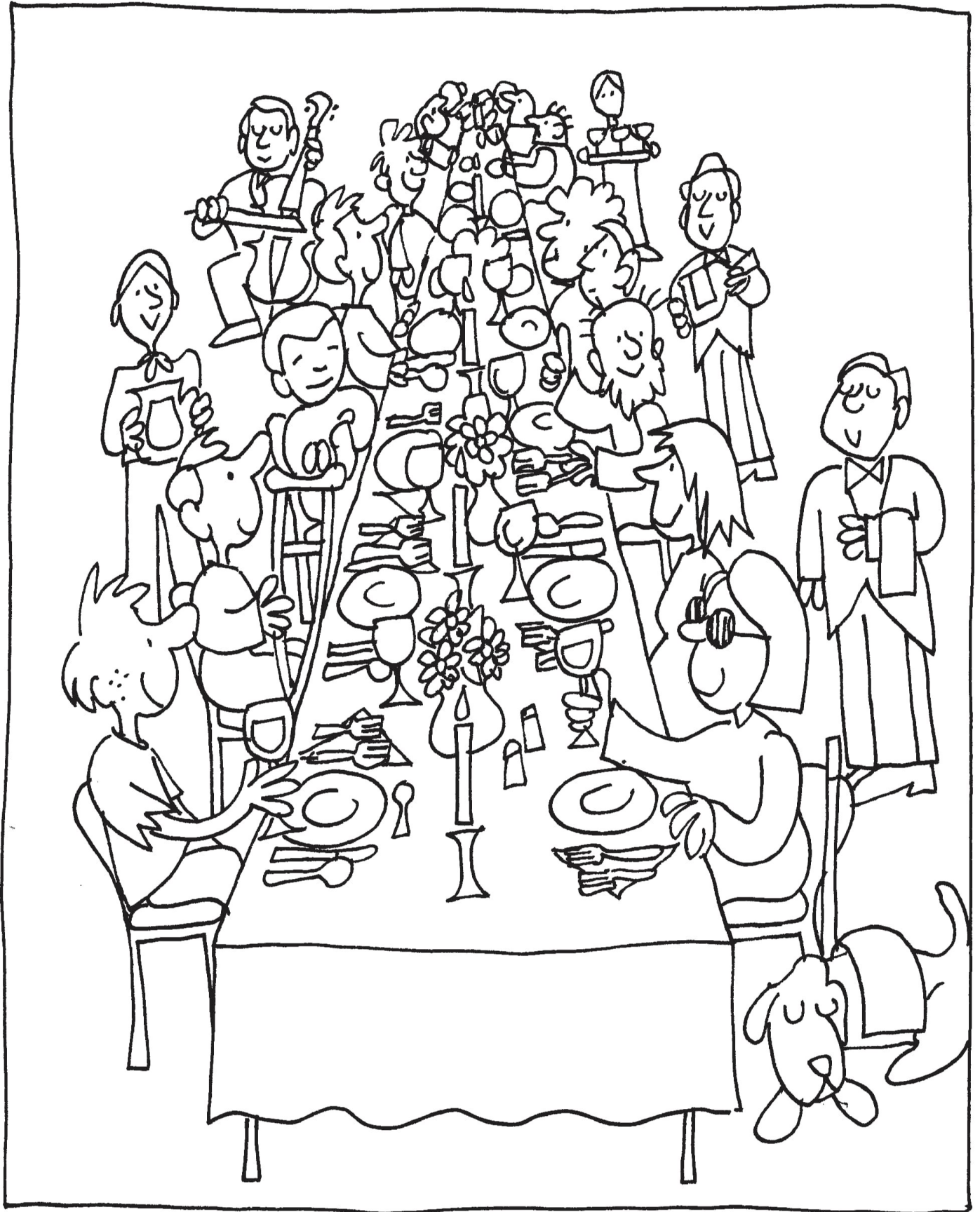
Join **Women Journeying Together** this **Thursday, September 4**, as they resume weekly meetings at 1 PM in the Activity Room. Their first study will be *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. Women of all ages are welcome!



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](mailto:germainaj@gmail.com) / 989-430-0210).





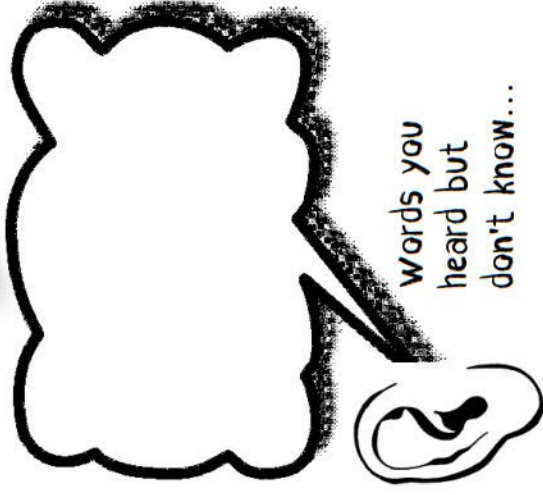
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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...

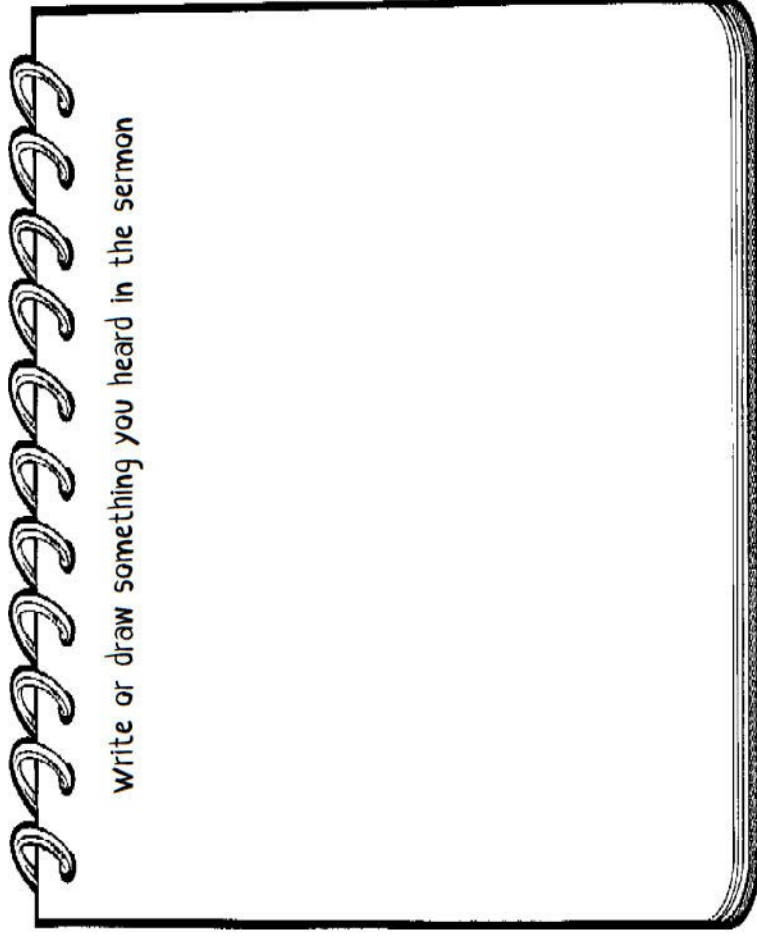
What is the main passage we are reading today?

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?

