

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

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, Blessing of the Backpacks (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)
 4:00pm - Youth Group (Activity Room)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 9/8

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

Tuesday, 9/9

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 5:30pm - Midland Quilters Guild (Williams Hall)

Wednesday, 9/10

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 (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm - Christian Meditation (Williams Hall)

Thursday, 9/11

9:00am - Alissa's Drop-In Coffee Shop Office Hrs (Grove)
 10:00am - Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)
 6:00pm - Preschool Board Meeting (McNab Room)

Friday, 9/12

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 5:45pm - Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)
 7:00pm - Community Game Night (Williams Hall)

Saturday, 9/13

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

Sunday, 9/14

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am - Ministry Fair (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Ministry Fair (Williams Hall)
 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, Lynn Miller, Linda Johanssen, Bernice, Ed Patterson, Marnie Bash, Teri, Heather, and the family of Linda Knight.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 13-Jeff & Sheila Mesler

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 11-Anna Albright, 12-Mona Cline, Denée Koonce, 13-Deanna Bryant, Carol Daniels

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Grace, Lapeer - Sarah Parks, Priest-in-Charge; Emmanuel, Petoskey - Kay Houck, Rector

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

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

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, 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 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Psalms 14 Luke 15:1-10

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. 10, 2025

Commemoration: Alexander Crummell

Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11

James 1:2-5

Psalms 19:7-11

Mark 4:21-25



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. As of Sept. 3, we've raised **\$303,331.84** of our \$330,660 goal, which includes \$80,000 from Endowment—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.



Ring in your ears? Our Handbell Choir will begin its Fall season **TODAY** after church in the Bell Zone. No previous experience in music is required! The Fall season will program through Christmas, and our current ringers will be happy to welcome you into the fold! We accommodate all players. Please see Nykkoa Lurie for more information, or you can email them at nykkoalurie@gmail.com.

Please consider signing up to host a fellowship hour. A signup sheet 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, please feel free to contact Tony Germain at 989-430-0210 or via email at germainaj@gmail.com



**We have
no treats
without you!**

Children's programming begins **TODAY** with Sunday School for children infant thru 5th grade.

Youth Group begins **THIS AFTERNOON** at 4pm in the Activity Room. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Blessing of the Backpacks TODAY, 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!**



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 **TODAY**, 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).

Community

G₂ A₁ M₃ E₁

N₁ I₁ G₂ H₄ T₁

The next Game Night is Friday, Sept. 12, 7-10 PM, in Williams Hall. Play our games or bring your favorites! Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!

2nd Sunday Sharing



MINISTRY FAIR



NEXT 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!

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ON FOR
SIZE.

THIS IS NOT
WHAT I SIGNED
UP FOR.



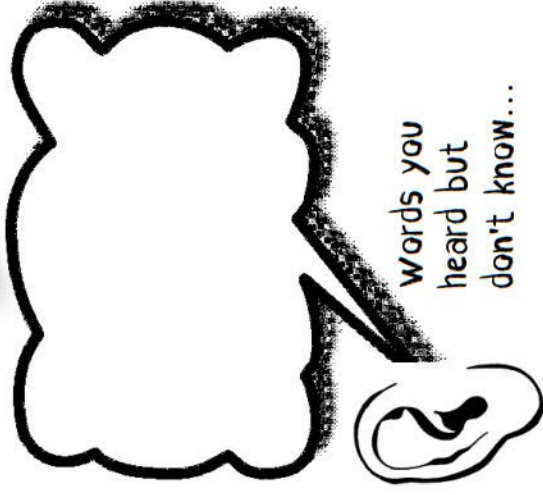
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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...

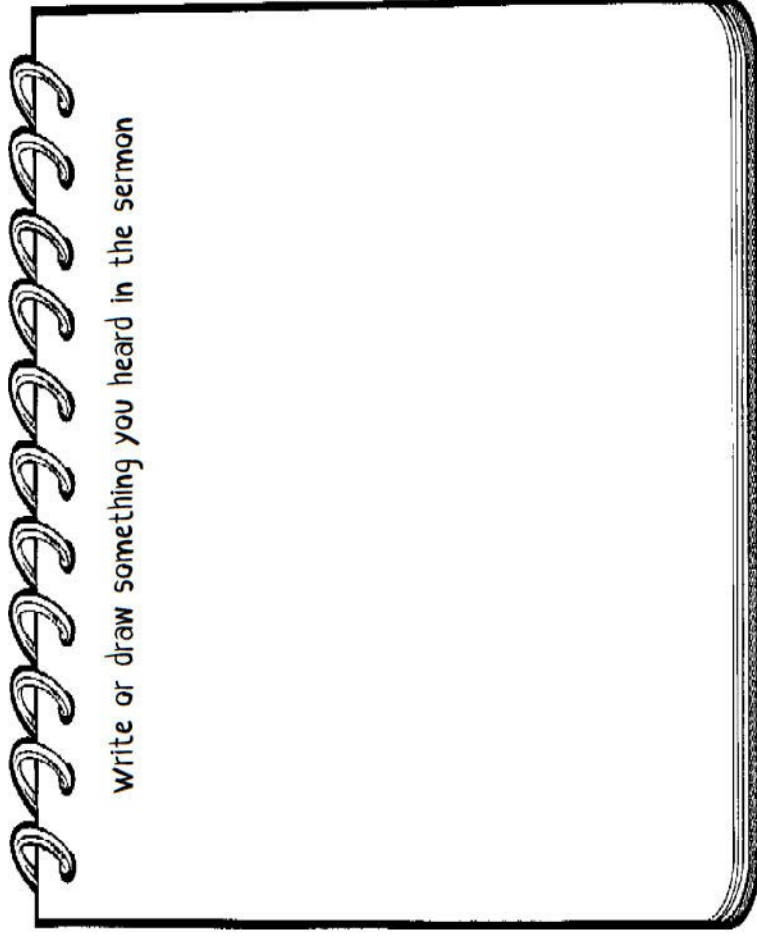
What is the main passage we are reading today?

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?

