

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 10/19

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 9:00am – Living the Covenant (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – 2nd 3rd Sunday Sharing (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 3:00pm – Grove Music Festival (Sanctuary)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 10/20

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 1:00pm – Pastoral Care Committee (Library)
 6:00pm – Pop up Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday, 10/21

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 11:30am – Budget Committee (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 4:00pm – Dahlia Hill Society (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Vestry (McNab Room)

Wednesday, 10/22

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Library)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

5:30pm – Tai Chi (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Christian Meditation (Activity Room)

Thursday, 10/23

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-In Coffee Shop Office Hrs (Grove)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)
 4:00pm – Harcrest Woods Annual Meeting (Wms Hall)

Friday, 10/24

Diocesan Convention (Saginaw)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 5:45pm – Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

Saturday, 10/25

Diocesan Convention (Saginaw)
 9:30am – Midland Quilters Squared (Williams Hall)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 10/26

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 9:00am – Living the Covenant (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 1:00pm – SVSU Alpha Sigma Alpha (Williams Hall)
 2:00pm – Lux Strategic Planning (Library)
 4:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 4:00pm – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Point your smartphone'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, Char Bakeman, Betty Kirkley, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene Adams, Lynn Miller, the Peterson family, Pam, the family of Tom Monto, Brad & Rebecca, Ed Patterson, Laani, Don Marcou, and Athena.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 23-Jerry & Margo Nielsen

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 19-Leyna Gruhzit, 24-Alice Stoll

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for

Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; St. James, Cheboygan - Lewis Crusoe, Priest-in-Charge; Plainsong Farm - Emily, Katharine & Mike, Co-Directors

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Episcopal Church

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
- To update your membership directory info

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

Jan Marcou

Pat Roush

Dave Schafer

Chris Schuster

Fred Schuster

Michelle Spencer

*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 smartphone's camera here: →



Next Sunday's Readings - October 26, 2025
20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25

Isaiah 6:1-8 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
Psalm 99 Matthew 10:1-8

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 - October 22, 2025
Commemoration: Cornelius the Centurion

Isaiah 56:6-8 Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 29 Luke 13:22-29

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.) If Grove closes, alternate location is Live Oak (711 Ashman)



Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! Delivery of the new instrument is now expected in mid- to late-November or possibly early December. While it's a little later than first planned, our anticipation only grows as we look forward to hearing it fill our sanctuary with music. As of Sept. 25, we've raised **\$303,831.84** 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.



Grove Music Festival
Sunday, Oct. 19, 3:00 pm

Admission \$10 / Students \$5

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CHAMBER PLAYERS



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Fundraiser for River Jordan, Inc.
Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild
November 1, 9-11 AM



Tickets—\$35 Individual, \$200 table of six—can be purchased on Sundays after the 10 am service, in the church office, or online via the QR code



Exploring Episcopal Identity — Join us after the 10 AM worship service **TODAY**, for this month's ~~2nd~~ **3rd Sunday Sharing**, where participants in the College for Congregational Development (CCD) will offer reflections and insights from their two years in the program. We'll share what we've been learning about Episcopal identity—how it shapes our worship, community, and mission—and invite you to join the conversation.

Living the Covenant

Exploring Episcopal Identity through Baptism

What does it mean to live as an Episcopalian? This 8-week series explores the Baptismal Covenant and how its promises shape our worship, community, and service in the world. Open to those preparing for **baptism or confirmation**, parish leaders and volunteers, and anyone curious about The Episcopal Church.

Sundays, through Nov. 16, 9:00–9:50 a.m. (make-up Nov. 23) and also via Zoom (time and day TBD). Sign up at [\[https://forms.gle/3f4mbH5xufivEoBs5\]](https://forms.gle/3f4mbH5xufivEoBs5). Sign-up required for Zoom; optional but encouraged for Sundays.



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Sunday, October 26, during the 10 AM worship service, followed by fun activities after worship.



Scouting for Food at St Johns - Williams Hall will be the food drop-off and sorting location for the 2025 **Scouting for Food Drive** on **Saturday, November 8**, from 10am to 2pm. If you receive a yellow collection bag at your home before this date, please consider filling it with food donations for scouts to collect. If you do not receive a bag at your home, please consider dropping off a food donation at the church during the event. If you would like to help with the drop off, sorting, and boxing, please feel free to join us in Williams Hall at any time during the event as we anticipate plenty of work to be done (in 2024, over 4,700 items were collected). Ultimately, once the food has been sorted and boxed, it will be delivered to **SAMS pantry** and the Memorial Presbyterian Church **HELP pantry**. Special thanks to the St Johns Endowment Committee for a generous grant to cover the cost of the bags used in this year's collection.

ANNUAL MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE

Supporting Local Food Banks

COLLECTING FOOD TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN MICHIGAN!



All right already!
Whatever you
want, lady!

Furthermore,
let me just add
for the 47th
time... (Are you
still with me?)...

Wow!
She can
talk!



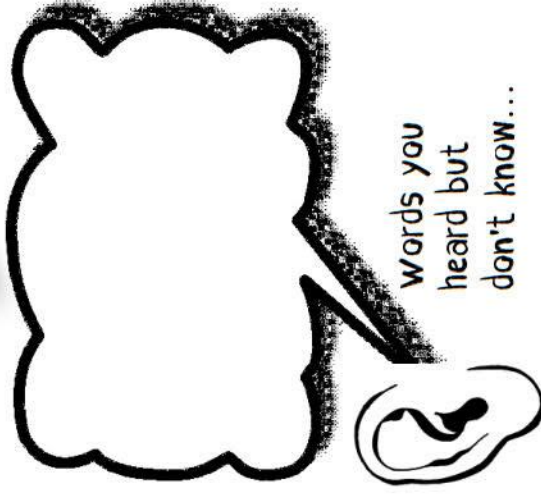
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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?



what is the main
passage we are
reading today?

Book:

chapter:

verse:

Favorite song today was:



what are we learning about
God from this passage?



Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon