

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

### Sunday, 1/11

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)  
 4:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Board Meeting (Wms Hall)  
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

### Monday, 1/12

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)  
 6:00PM – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

### Tuesday, 1/13

10:00am – St. Martha's Guild (Activity Room)  
 10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)  
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)  
 5:30pm – Midland Quilters Guild (Williams Hall)

### Wednesday, 1/14

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 (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm – FNWLL Board Meeting (McNab Room)

### Thursday, 1/15

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)  
 11:30am – Budget Committee Meeting (Library)  
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)  
 6:00pm – Preschool Board Meeting (McNab Room)

### Friday, 1/16

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

### Saturday, 1/17

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)  
 7:00pm – Grove Music Festival: Ed Carney Memorial Jazz Concert (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

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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, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene & John Adams, Phillip, Michelle, Julie, and the family of Lynn Miller.

*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...* 13-Lowell Youngquist, 15-Tammy Angell, Linda Carter

*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;* PRAY for St. Paul's, Corunna – Carol Amsterburg, Senior Warden; Trinity, Niles – Kathy Davies, Senior Warden

*In our international Anglican prayer cycle;* PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

## 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).***

**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
- To update your membership directory info

***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 smartphone's camera here:



**Next Sunday's Readings – January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**  
**Psalm 40:1-12**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**  
**John 1:29-42**

*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 – January 14, 2026**  
**Commemoration: Antony of Egypt**

**Ecclesiastes 6:1-12**  
**Psalm 90:1-12**

**James 1:9-11**  
**Mark 10:17-22**



**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 Live Oak (711 Ashman)



To celebrate the coming of the Christ child, SJEC St. Martha's Guild is collecting diapers around the Christmas tree in the church sanctuary through the Sunday after Epiphany, December 11. The diapers will be donated to several local charities for families in need.

# LAST CALL

## FOR NOMINATIONS

**Nominations for positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 25 close TODAY.** Three members of the *Vestry*, three members of the *Endowment Committee*, and three *delegates* plus one *alternate* for the *Diocesan Convention*. All adult (over 18) members in good standing are eligible. Members in good standing are baptized, faithful in corporate worship, and received Communion at least three times in the past year. Please sign up on the sheets outside of Williams Hall if you are willing to serve

# LAST CALL

## FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

**Ministry Leaders**, help Ellen survive January! Get your annual reports to her by the end of the day **TOMORROW** (Monday, January 12). If you don't submit something, your ministry will not be represented in the 2024 Annual Report.



**Grove Music Festival Presents**  
**The Ed Carney Memorial Jazz Concert**

*featuring*

**BETHANY ROBINSON &**  
**THE PURDUE JAZZ**  
**COLLECTIVE**



**Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

St Johns Episcopal Church

405 N. Saginaw Rd, Midland MI 48640

**Admission \$10 / Students \$5**

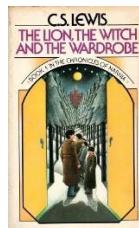
❖ **Step Into the Wardrobe** ❖

**The Chronicles of Narnia – Read Aloud Series**

**You're Invited!**

Step into the magical world of *The Chronicles of Narnia* as we journey together through C.S. Lewis's beloved series – read aloud for all to enjoy.

We'll begin with the classic tale ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***, where four children step through a wardrobe into a land of snow, magic, and adventure.



**When:** Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

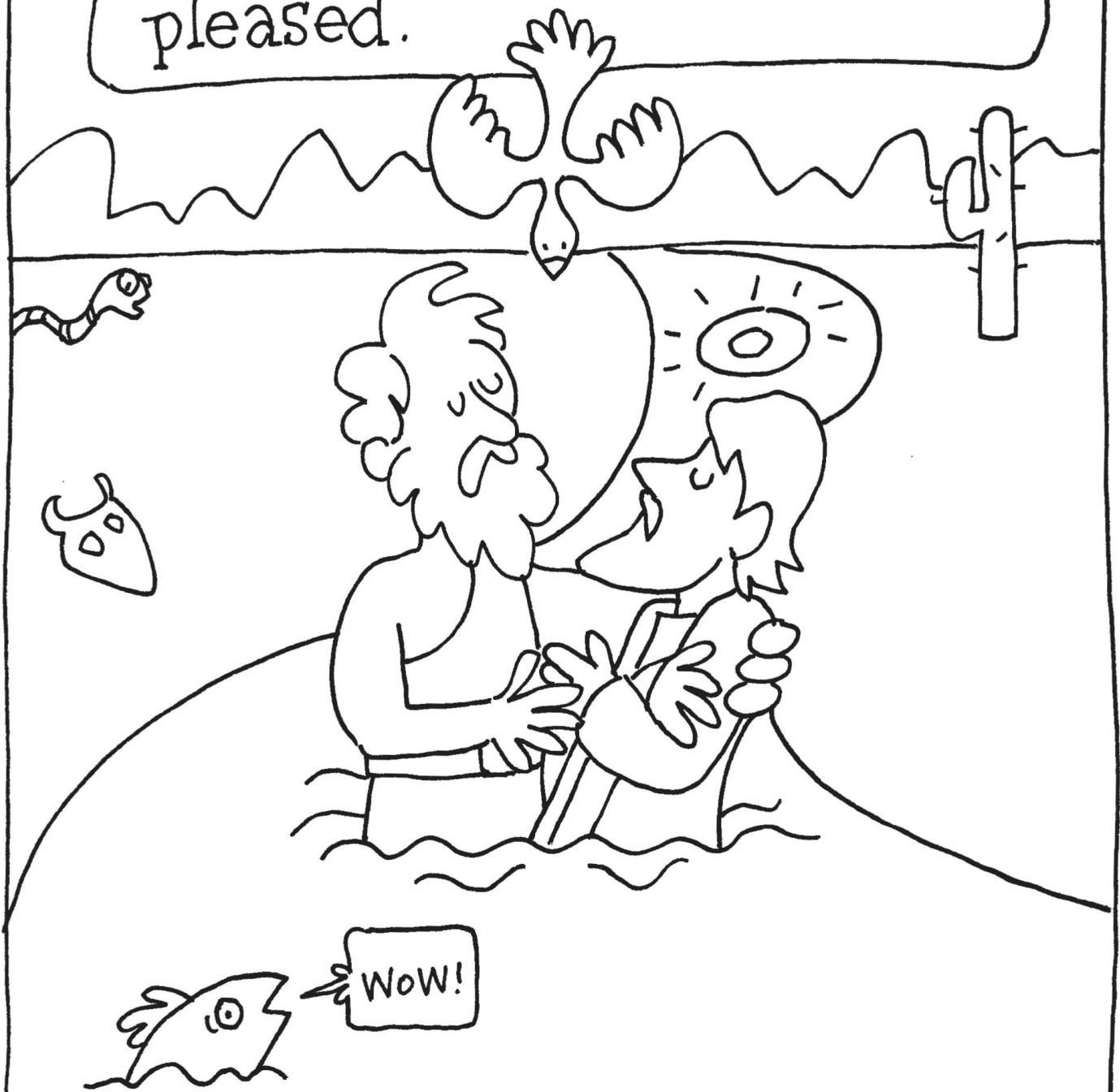
**Starting:** **TODAY!**

**Where:** Williams Hall – in front of the fireplace

**Who:** Open to all ages – children, teens, and adults alike!

No sign-up, no homework, no commitment – just come, settle in by the fire, and let the story carry you to a land of courage, friendship, and wonder.

This is my Son, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well  
pleased.





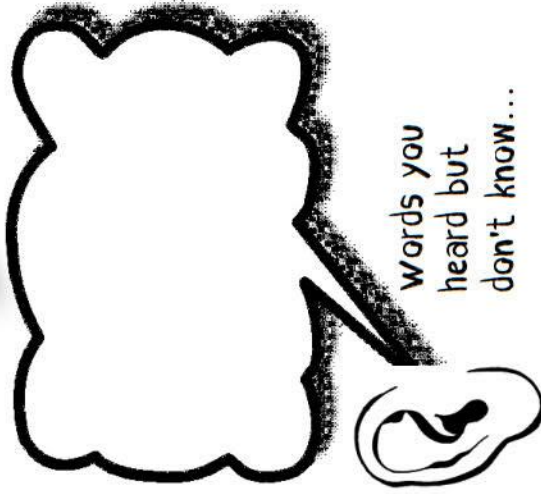
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:



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