

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

### Sunday, 2/22

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:00am – “Being Here” Sunday Formation (Williams Hall)  
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)  
 11:30am – Chronicles of Narnia (McNab Room)  
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 4:00pm – Lux Women’s Choir Board Meeting (Library)  
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm – Lux Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

### Monday, 2/23

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

### Tuesday, 2/24

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)  
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm – Vestry (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, 2/25

10:30am – Women’s Bible Study (McNab Room)  
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing (Chapel)  
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)  
 5:30pm – Tai Chi (Williams Hall)

### Thursday, 2/26

9:00am – Alissa’s Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak Eastside)  
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)  
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)  
 4:00pm – Mid-Century Modern Midland Book Launch (Williams Hall)

### Friday, 2/27

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm – Community Game Night (Williams Hall)

### Saturday, 2/28

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

### Sunday, 3/1

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 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm – Lux Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

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**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, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée’s mother), Charlene & John Adams, Phillip, Julie, Dennis, Mike, Paul Trautman, and Duane.

*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...* 24-Marilyn Johnson, 25-Roger Moll, 26-Graham Plishka, 28-Aaron Angell  
*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;* PRAY for St. Mark’s, Paw Paw - Nancy Wheatley, Senior Warden; St. John’s, Charlotte - Wendy Brown, Priest-in-Charge  
*In our international Anglican prayer cycle;* PRAY for The Church of Ireland

## 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 Schuster**  
**Jan Marcou**                          **Fred Schuster**  
**Pat Roush**                            **Michelle Spencer**  
**Dave Schafer**

*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 – March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4a      Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Psalm 121              John 3:1-17**

*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 – February 25, 2026**

**Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
Commemoration – Emily Malbone Morgan**

**2 Samuel 14:12-17      Romans 16:1-6  
Psalm 119:137-144      Luke 10:38-42**



**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 Eastside (2405 Abbott Rd.)



Please join us for a dedication concert honoring St. John's new custom **Allen RLX-90 organ** on **Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m.** Featured artist **Paul Fey** is a German concert organist and composer whose

career has taken him to major churches and concert halls throughout Europe and the United States, including performances at the Vatican and within the historic Thomaskirche tradition in Leipzig. Widely recognized for his expressive musicianship and deep grounding in the sacred music tradition, Fey brings a compelling blend of traditional and contemporary artistry to the organ. This concert marks an important milestone in the musical life of the parish. **Admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.**

**Be watching for information about two upcoming organ concerts in May and October.**



Thank you to everyone who donated to the **St. Martha's Souper Bowl of Caring!** We donated 145 food, hygiene, and food storage items. **We appreciate you!**



During Sunday School **TODAY**, we will discover a new book by Allison Bartlette called "*Walking on a Trail*." We will imagine we are outside enjoying nature while staying cozy and warm in the church. We'll explore the book, go on a scavenger hunt, and make a nature craft.

If you missed the first "**Being Here**" gathering between services (9am) in Williams Hall, be sure to come next week. This is a Lenten exploration of what it means to live well in a fractured world. The topic **next Sunday** will be "*Spirit and Flesh*." As we hear the story of Nicodemus, we'll explore embodied faith, practices of presence, and what it means to be "born from above" without leaving our mortal lives behind.



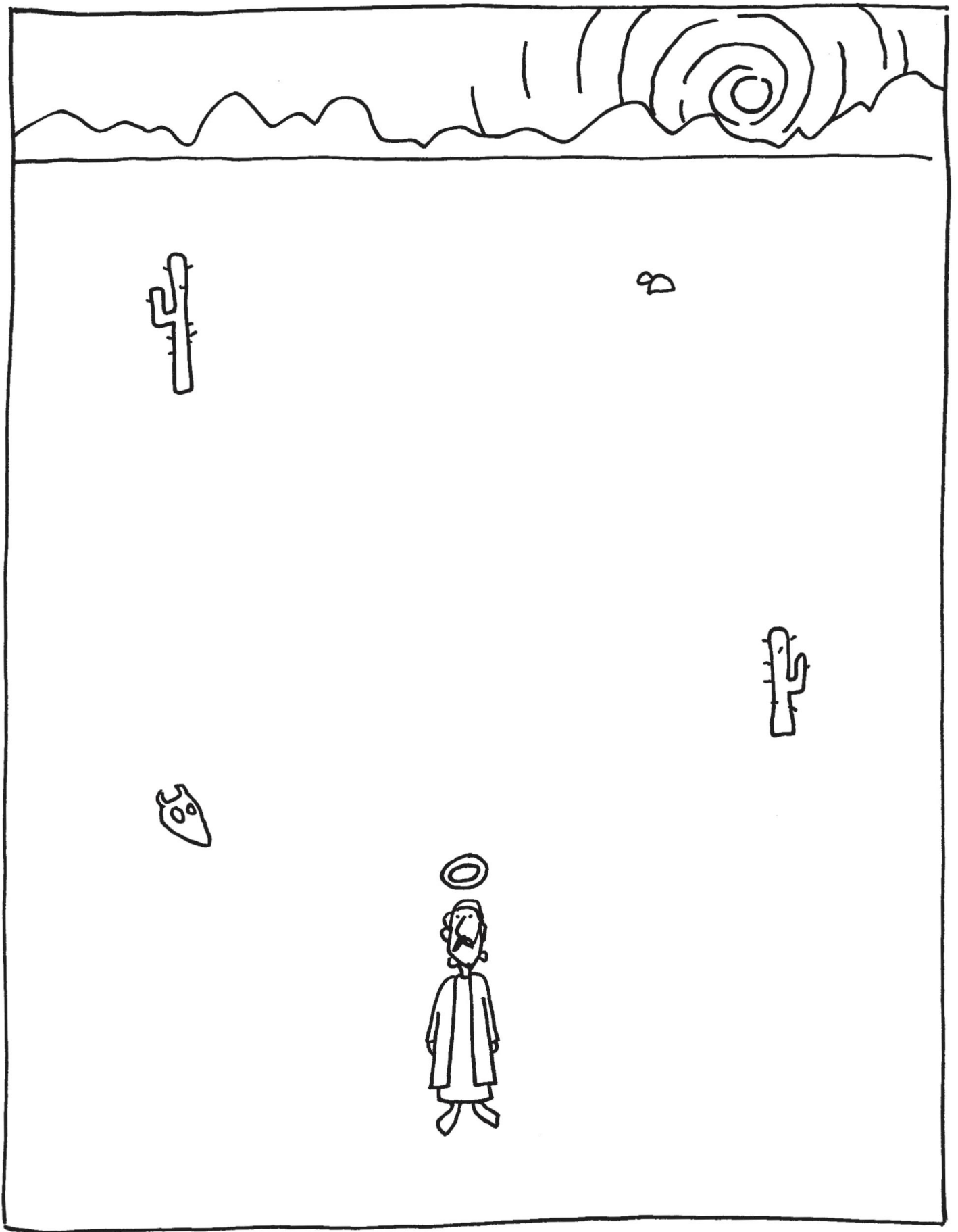
The **Chronicles of Narnia** group will meet at 11:30am **TODAY** in the McNab Room to finish the last couple chapters of "*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*." We will also have some time for discussion. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended previously.

During Lent, our **Wednesday Eucharists** will take the form of a healing service with an opportunity for the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. This gentle and prayerful practice is meant to be a source of comfort and renewal, and participation is always optional. After the service, many gather for food and fellowship at Lanny's Restaurant. All are welcome!



To express interest or learn more about Chris Lauckner's 3-week **Lenten series on prayer**, please contact the office to be connected with Chris. Through guided prayer, reflection and journaling, participants will be invited to honor personal and family journeys and to consider how fractured experiences can become places of spiritual grounding and hope. The series will meet on **March 12, 19 and 26** (time and medium TBD).





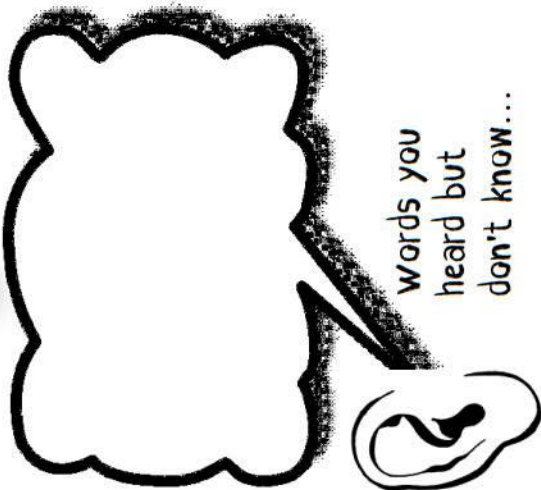
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

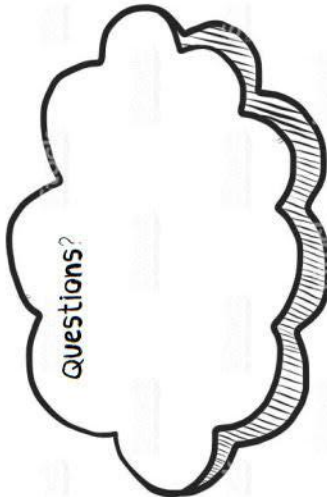
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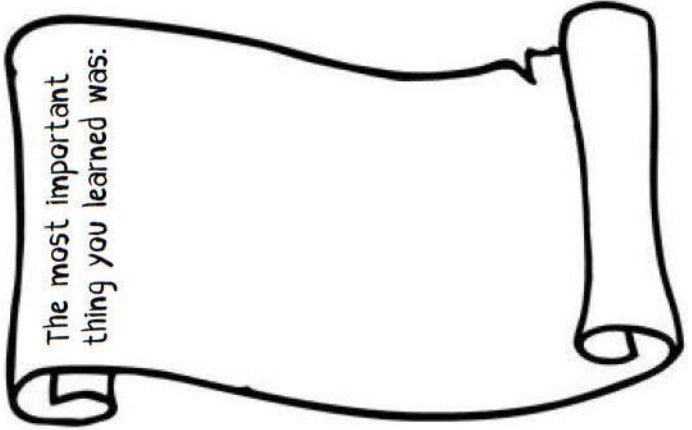


Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

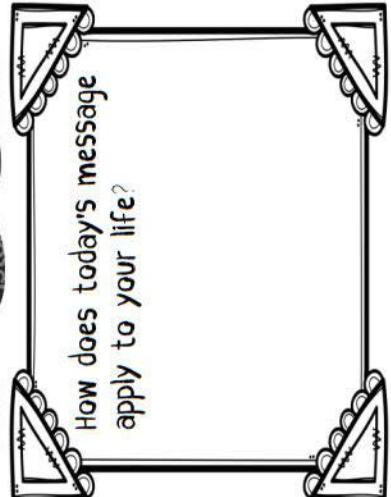
Questions?



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?

