

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 8/2

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 – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Monday, 8/3

8:00am – St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 2:00pm – Vacation Bible School
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

Tuesday, 8/4

9:00am – Building & Grounds Committee (McNab Room)
 10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 2:00pm – Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, 8/5

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 2:00pm – Vacation Bible School
 5:30pm – Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)

Thursday, 8/6

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 2:00pm – Vacation Bible School
 6:00pm – Preschool Board Meeting (McNab Room)

Friday, 8/7

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 8/8

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

Sunday, 8/9

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
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 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, Char Bakeman, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée Koonce's mom), Charlene Adams, Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Shelby, Bob Estabrook, Betty & Bud Schartow & family, Justin & family, Tom, Ed, and Mandy.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 4-Andy & Wendy Thompson, 7-Bob & Jenny Estabrook

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 4-Louise White, 5-Patty Zettle, 6-Travis Fader, 8-Bob Estabrook

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. Paul's, Gladwin - Gary Grinn, Senior Warden; Holy Trinity, Manistee - Susan Mencarelli, Senior Warden
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Church of the Province of Uganda

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

- 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, 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 – August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14

1 Kings 19:9-18

Romans 10:5-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Matthew 14:22-33

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 – August 5, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Joseph of Arimathea

Proverbs 4:10-18

James 1:17-18

Psalms 128

Luke 23:50-56



How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly:

<https://calendly.com/sjec-rector>

Drop in for Coffee Shop Office

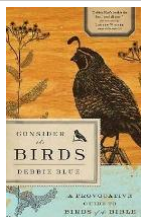
Hours: Thurs., 9-11 AM. During the month of August, you'll be able to find her at Live Oak Eastside (2405 Abbott Rd.).



Calling all St. John's Men
Monday, August 3, 8:00 AM!!

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

Diocesan Summer Book Study: Join the Revs. Alissa Anderson & Erin Jean Warde for a diocese-wide discussion of Debbie Blue's *Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible*. No background in theology or birdwatching is needed – just curiosity and a willingness to read, think, and wonder



together. We gather on [Circle Live](#) (the Diocese of the Great Lakes' online gathering space) on Mondays at noon through **August 31**. Please reach out to Mo. Alissa with any questions!



August 3 to 6 – 2 to 5 PM

Vacation Bible School is **THIS WEEK!!!!** Please keep all the children and volunteers in your prayers.

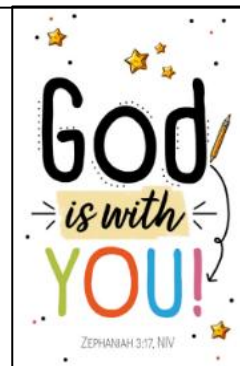
Youth Group needs a
leader starting in
September.

Y.O.U.T.H
L.E.A.D.E.R

We are shifting our youth group to Sunday mornings. Details to be worked out. Please reach out to Linda Germain (linda@sjec-midland.org or stop in the office) to discuss if you are interested.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 23, 10 AM Service

It's back to school time! We would like to send you off with lots of prayers and many blessings! Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to church on **Sunday, August 23**, for a backpack, laptop bag, purse, cell phone, briefcase or bag you carry blessing during the 10 AM service. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. **St. John's wishes ALL of the students, teachers, and support staff a wonderful school year!**



Choir Kickoff | Sunday, August 30



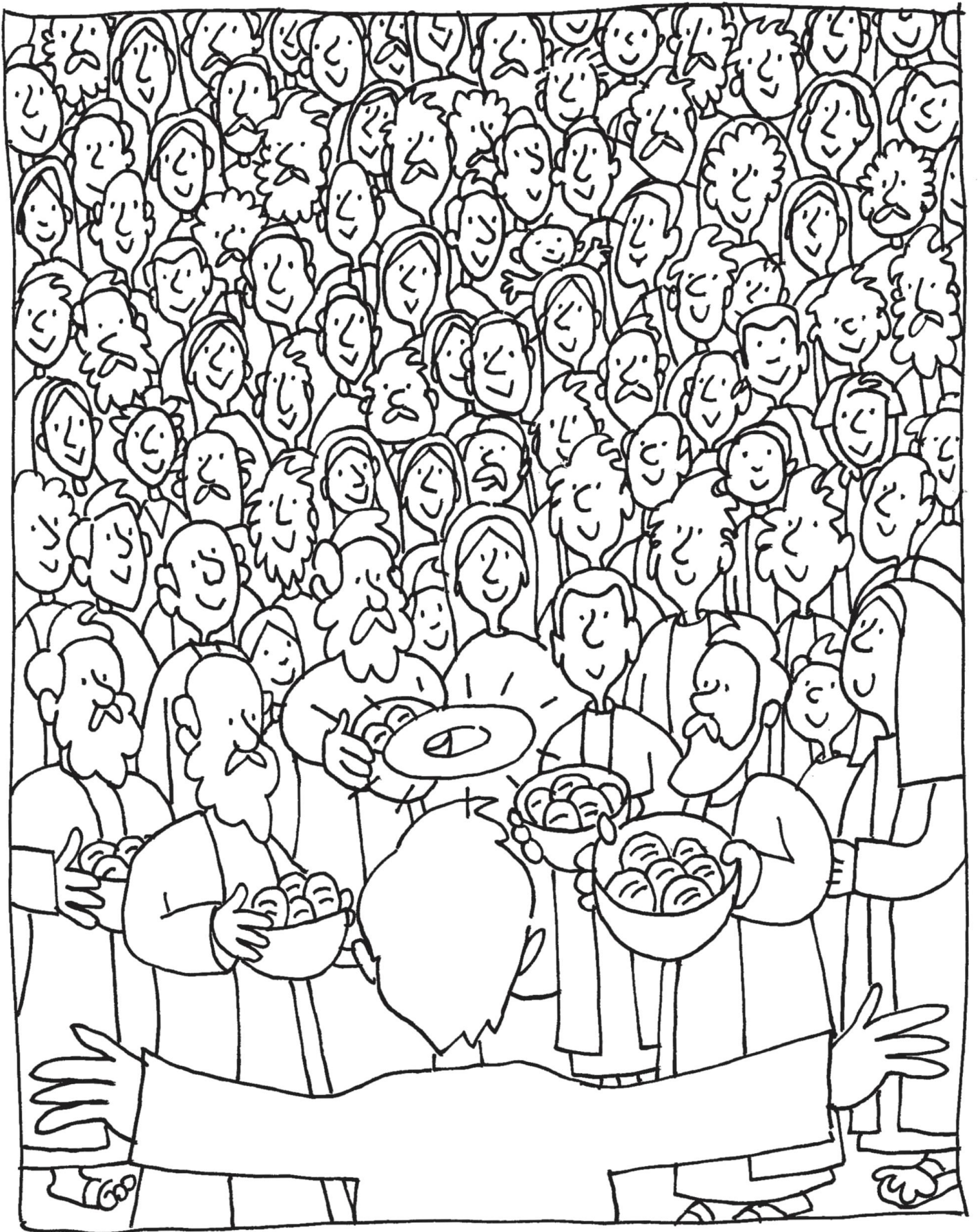
The choir is back, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Join us on **Sunday, August 30**, immediately following the 10 AM service for our **Choir Kickoff**.

We'll gather at 11:15 AM for a shared meal in the McNab Room, followed by our first rehearsal of the season in the Sanctuary from 12-1 PM. Whether you've sung in the choir for years or have been thinking about joining for the first time, this is a great opportunity to meet the fellow musicians and make music together. Bring a favorite dish to share if you're able, we'd love to have you with us!

Questions? Contact Travis at travis@sjec-midland.org.





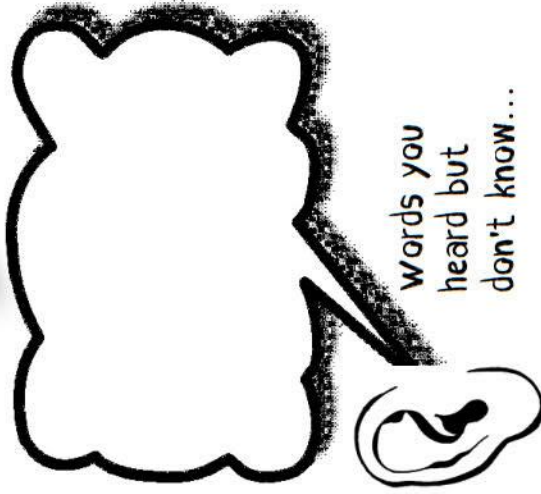
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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