

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 8/16

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, 8/17

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

Tuesday, 8/18

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

Wednesday, 8/19

12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

5:30pm – Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)

Thursday, 8/20

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)

Friday, 8/21

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 8/22

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 8/23

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Backpacks
 (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 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, Char Bakeman,
 Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée
 Koonce's mom), Charlene Adams, Julie, Vicki
 Leigeb, Shelby, Bob Estabrook, Betty & Bud &
 the Schartow family, Ed, Mandy, Randy
 Woodard, Glenden Rayner, and Daina A.

***Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating
 anniversaries this week...*** 17-Josh & Alissa Anderson,
 19-Sam & Jackie Leigh

***Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating
 birthdays this week...*** 17-Jason Spindler Jr., 18-Ron Lacher,
 19-Charles Bash, Glen Chateaufneuf

***Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the
 people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;*** PRAY for
 St. Luke's, Roger's City - Jeri Eldridge, Senior Warden;
 St. Mark's, Newaygo - B.J. Heyboer, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for
 The Church in Wales

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

- 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 23, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15
Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8
Psalms 138 Matthew 16:13-20

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 19, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Commemoration – Bernard of Clairvaux
Song of Songs 1:1-8 Jude 1-3
Psalms 139:1-9 Mark 10:23-31



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.).



Meet with Travis

Appointments can be scheduled at your convenience by scanning the QR code, at left, or by visiting:

<https://calendly.com/travis-sjec-midland>

NEW MEMBER COFFEE HOUR – Any new or newish members of St. John's are welcome to join us in Williams Hall after the 10 am service on Sunday, August 23rd. Members of the welcoming committee and friends will provide a special breakfast, give a tour of the church grounds, provide a bit of history about our congregation and provide info on ways to get engaged in our church community. Please join us!

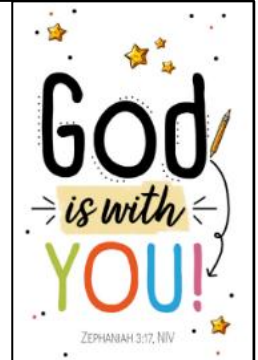
Youth Group needs a leader starting in September.

YOUTH LEADER

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.

James Weldon Johnson's

The Creation Poem

A contemporary imagining of Johnson's iconic poem as a fully animated short film and graphic novel.

Animated Film & Graphic Novel
You're invited to our Patron Preview Event

Friday, Aug. 21, 6-8pm
Saginaw Art Museum
1126 N. Michigan Ave.

Erin Patrice, from Breaking Bread Village, will host. Steve Leeper will present the film and graphic novel in progress. Ernie Carter and Rolland Wallace will perform the poem.

SIGN UP NOW!

Ministry FAIR

Ministry Fair 2026 will take

place on **Sunday, Sept. 20**, during the Fellowship

Hours following both worship services. If you would like your St. John's ministry to be represented,

contact Ann Wright to reserve table space.

awright0702@gmail.com / 989-859-4118



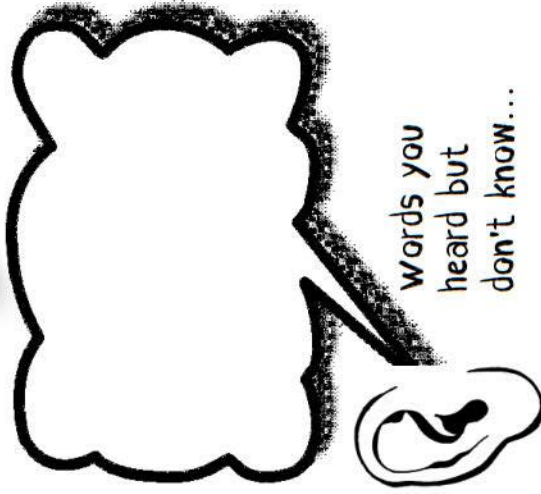
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

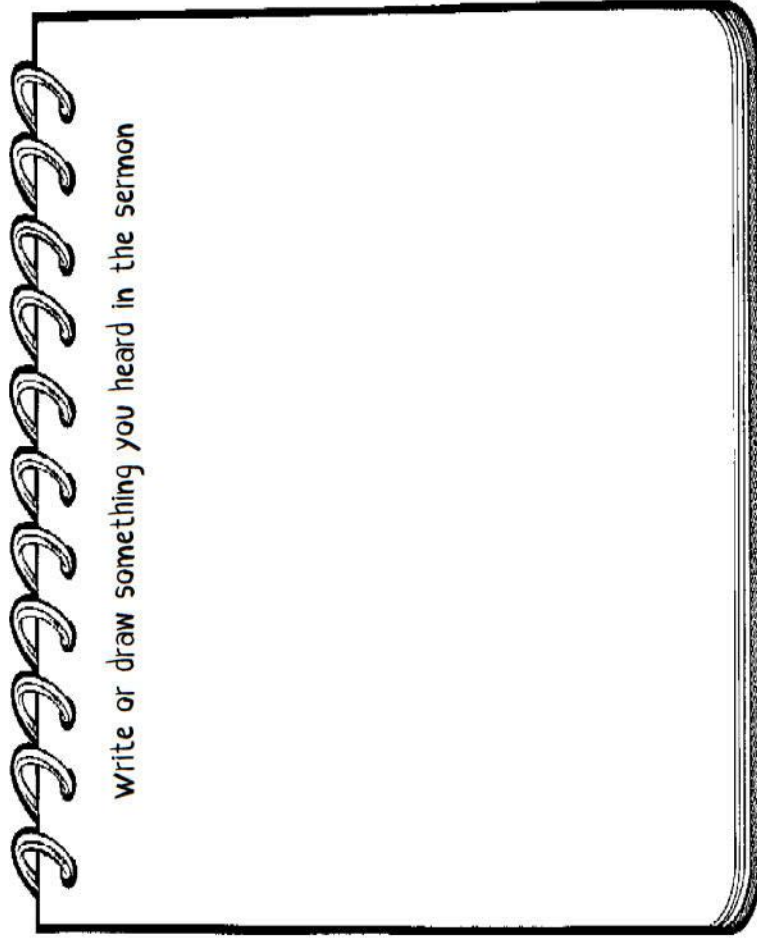
chapter:

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?

