

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

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 & New Member Coffee Hour
 (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Monday, 8/24

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)
 6:00pm – Preschool Parent Orientation (Williams Hall)

Tuesday, 8/25

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 7:00pm – Welcoming Committee (Library)

Wednesday, 8/26

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

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

Thursday, 8/27

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)

Friday, 8/28

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

Saturday, 8/29

10:00am – St. Alban's Vestry Retreat (Williams Hall)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 8/30

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:15am – Choir Kickoff (McNab Room & Sanctuary)
 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), Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Shelby, Bob
 Estabrook, Ed & the Patterson family, Mandy,
 Randy Woodard, Glenden Rayner, Daina A.,
 Gordon E., and Mary Jo Hudson.

*Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating
 anniversaries this week...* 27-William & Rebecca Wieland,
 28-Roger & Anne Moll

*Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating
 birthdays this week...* 24-Janna Luebker, Judy Youngquist,
 27-Bob Trautman, Patrick Ward, 29-Stacy Daniels, Tony
 Germain, Linda Germain

*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the
 people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;* PRAY for
 St. Paul's, Saginaw - Robert Johnson, Senior Warden;
 Emmanuel, Hastings - Alicia Hager, Rector
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for
 The Church of the Province of West Africa

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 Very 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 Very
 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:



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

Next Sunday's Readings – August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Matthew 16:21-28

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 26, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Louis, King, 1270

Wisdom 7:1-6

Colossians 2:6-10

Psalms 21:1-7

Mark 2:13-17



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>

Sunday School and Nursery will begin their normal weekly schedule on Sept. 13. We will continue our split classroom approach: K-2nd grade enjoying Godly Play stories with Ms. Alicia and 3rd-5th grade enjoying lessons with Ms. Linda. Our nursery care team, Ms. Jenni and Ms. Leah, will continue to engage our youngest friends with their morning fun and help in other rooms as needed. Please join us starting at 9:45am until the end of church service on Sunday mornings.



Please take note and make use of the new "Cleaning Station" in the northeast corner of Williams Hall.

CLEANING



STATION

IF YOU...

- DROP IT**
- PICK IT UP!**
- SPILL IT**
- WIPE IT UP!**



Youth Group Needs Assistants

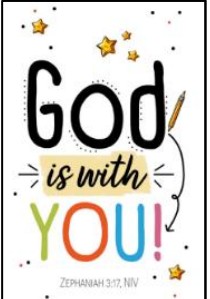
We have secured a couple of leaders, now we need a couple of assistants. Duties include helping with discussions, interacting with youth & engaging them within the group, & being a second adult in the room. Please reach out to Linda Germain (linda@sjec-midland.org or stop in the office) to discuss if you are interested.



Blessing of the Backpacks

TODAY, 10 AM Service

It's back to school time! Make sure you get a tag that will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. **St. John's wishes ALL students, teachers, and support staff a wonderful school year!**



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 **TODAY**. 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!

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.

SIGN UP NOW!



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

Who do you
say that I am?

EXCELLENT
QUESTION.

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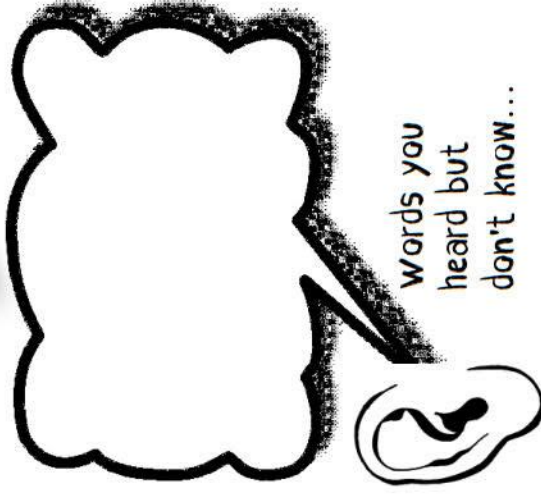
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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