

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 8/9

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, 8/10

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

Tuesday, 8/11

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

Wednesday, 8/12

12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 5:30pm – Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)

Thursday, 8/13

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 12:00pm – EDGL Endowment Committee (Library)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)

Friday, 8/14

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

Saturday, 8/15

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

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)

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 & the Patterson family, Mandy, and Randy Woodard.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week...

9-Robbryn Prange & Carol Sullivan, 12-Jim & Melanie Massey, 14-Dick & Louise White

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week...

14-Greg Zettle, 15-Kathy McCreedy

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;

PRAY for St. Elizabeth's, Higgins Lake - Yvonne Dustan, Senior Warden; Grace Church, Ludington - Mick Shriver, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Episcopal Church

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 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalms 67 Matthew 15:(10-20), 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 12, 2026
Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Florence Nightingale

Jeremiah 30:12-17 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Psalms 41 Luke 10:29-37



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

I'd love the opportunity to connect with you. Whether you have a question, an idea, would like to discuss a ministry or parish project, or simply want to get to know one another, you're invited to schedule a time to meet.



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

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

I look forward to spending time with you.

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.

aewright0702@gmail.com / 989-859-4118



"What am I missing here? We walk on water all the time."

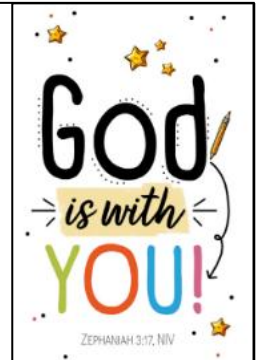
Youth Group needs a leader starting in September.

**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



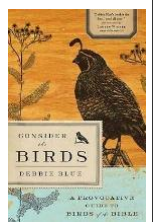
The choir is back, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

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.

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!



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DOING NOW?

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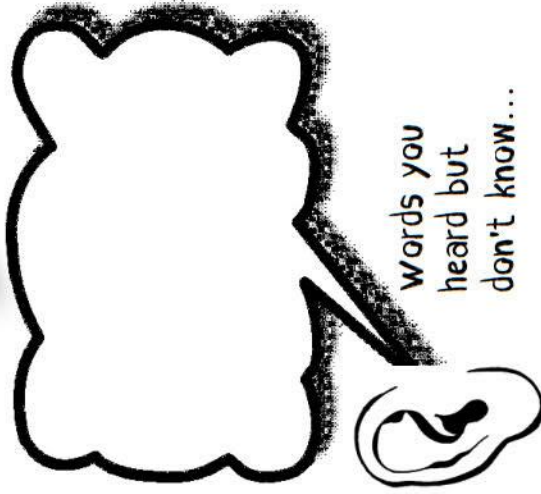
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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