

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 9/13

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 9:00am – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

Monday, 9/14

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

Tuesday, 9/15

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 10:00am – St. Martha's Guild (Activity Room)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Vestry (McNab Room)

Wednesday, 9/16

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

5:30pm – Tai Chi – 24 Forms (Williams Hall)
 7:00pm – Lakeside Condo Association (Williams Hall)
 7:30pm – FNLL Annual Meeting (McNab Room)

Thursday, 9/17

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 9:00am – Great Lakes' Gardeners (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

Friday, 9/18

9:30am – MMTA Meeting (Williams Hall)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 9/19

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

Sunday, 9/20

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Ministry Fair (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Ministry Fair (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity 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, Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Bob Estabrook, Ed & the Patterson family, Daina A., Gordon E., Mary Jo Hudson, John Adams, Chris Schuster, and Arie Goudswaard.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 13-Jeff & Sheila Mesler, 16-Ron & Jane Lacher, 18-Charles & Marnie Bash, 19-Fred & Chris Schuster

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 13-Deanna Bryant, 15-Janice Anderson, 17-Eileen Germain

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Trinity, Bay City - Sue Rich, Rector; St. John the Apostle, Ionia - Jason Smith, Senior Warden

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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
 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 Very 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 – September 20, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

Psalms 145:1-8

Matthew 20:1-16

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 – Sept. 16, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Ninian, Bishop, c. 430

Numbers 22:21-33

Acts 10:21-35

Psalms 97

Matthew 28:16-20



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 September, 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>

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



FORGIVE

Because it's easier than math. Math is hard.

Children's programming begins TODAY with Sunday School for children infant thru 5th grade.

Youth Group began this morning and is meeting every other Sunday at 9 AM in the Activity Room. ALL ARE WELCOME! See you Sept. 27!!

NEXT SUNDAY, September 20, is our **MINISTRY FAIR** in Williams Hall!



Representatives from a wide range of St. John's ministries will be available after both services to offer information and answer questions.

Come and find a new way to share your time and talent!



St. Martha's Guild is the hands and feet of the church in many ways. We are women who get together to socialize, but we also raise money and support many charities throughout the Tri-cities. We host the annual ladies Prayer Breakfast each fall, coordinate or provide food for funerals, and have speakers and

social functions throughout the year. Please scan the QR code to access the meeting day/time Survey Monkey. Options include Sunday afternoons once per month, a weeknight once per month, or keep meetings on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 10 AM. **Note that the Sept. meeting has been moved to the 15th due to the holiday weekend.** If you would like to provide in-person feedback instead, please chat with Denée Koonce, Charlotte Jacqumain, Christy Hopper, or Michelle Spencer with your meeting day and time preferences.



Tai Chi, The 24 Forms, begins **THIS WEDNESDAY, September 16**, at 5:30 pm in Williams Hall. Relaxed class atmosphere; beginners / previous students / drop-ins are welcome. Special community rate is \$5 per class. Tai Chi is a form of exercise that can improve muscle strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress, improve balance and increase oxygen levels. The slow, gentle, mindful movements of Tai Chi focus on weight shifts and balance. For questions and details, contact class instructor, Laurie McGuire, PT (989-839-9309 / lauramc1@charter.net)

IN THAT CASE,
I FORGIVE
YOUR DEBT.

I APPEAL
FOR MERCY!
I CAN'T PAY
WHAT I OWE!

JOE APPEALS TO THE KING

TOO BAD.
OFF TO PRISON
FOR YOU!

I APPEAL
FOR MERCY!
I CAN'T PAY
WHAT I OWE!

AN EMPLOYEE APPEALS TO JOE

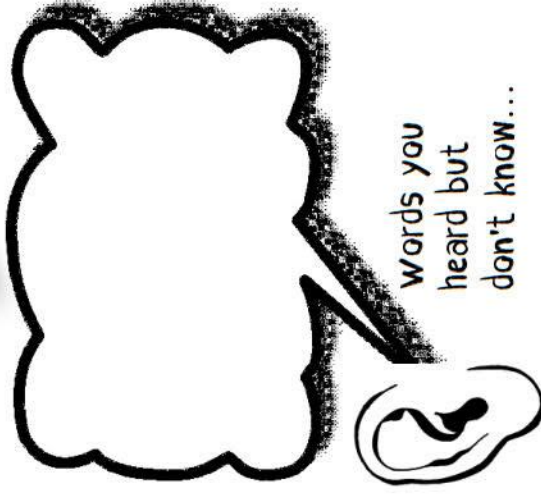
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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