

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

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)

Monday, 9/21

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

Tuesday, 9/22

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 4:30pm – Forestridge Homeowners' Assoc. (Wms. Hall)
 7:00pm – Welcoming Committee (Library)

Wednesday, 9/23

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

5:30pm – Tai Chi – The 24 Forms (Williams Hall)

Thursday, 9/24

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

Friday, 9/25

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

Saturday, 9/26

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

Sunday, 9/27

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 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)
 2:00pm – Blessing of the Animals (South Lawn)
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

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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, 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... 21-Tony & Linda Germain, 24-Jacques Randolet & Lynn Pottenger, 26-Denny & Jan Morden

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 20-Tessa Kent, 21-Josephine Thompson, 25-Emily Garlinghouse, Brenna Gruhzit, Jim Jackson, Paul Tolly

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. John's, Midland - Alissa Anderson, Rector; St. Timothy's, Richland - Ken Fouts, Senior Warden
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia

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

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).

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 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13

Psalms 25:1-8 Matthew 21:23-32

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. 23, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Thecla of Iconium

Judges 4:16-24

2 Timothy 3:10-12

Psalms 123

Luke 24:1-11



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>

BLESSING OF THE TRICK OR TREATERS

Sunday, October 25, during the 10 AM worship service, followed by fun activities after worship.



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Fundraiser for Independent Community Living
Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild

November 7, 9-11 AM

Tickets—\$35 Individual, \$200 table of six—can be purchased on Sundays after the 10 am service in Williams Hall or in the church office.

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



TODAY, 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!

Community



The next Game Night is

Friday, September 25, 6-10

PM, in Williams Hall. Play our games or bring your favorites!

Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, September 27
2:00 PM

South Lawn



St. John's annual **Blessing of the Animals**, in honor of St. Francis and kicking off Neighboring Week, will be on **Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 pm** outside on the south lawn. We will also have adoptable pets from the Midland Humane Society as well. Come join us!

Trunk or Treat

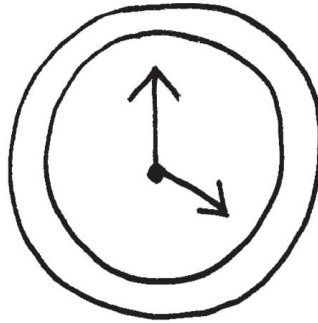


Sunday, October 18
3-5 PM

GAMES - CANDY - FUN!

The **3rd Annual Trunk or Treat** will be on **Sunday, October 18, from 3-5 pm** in the church parking lot. We will need families and ministries to sign up to host trunks and hand out candy. Please contact Denée Koonce or any member of the Welcoming Committee with questions or stop by our booth at the Ministry Fair! We will have food trucks return this year to help make our event even better!

QUITTING
TIME!



I started
working
at 8am

I started
working
at noon

I started
working
at 3pm.

I started
at 4:55.
And we all
got paid
the same.
Isn't that
great!



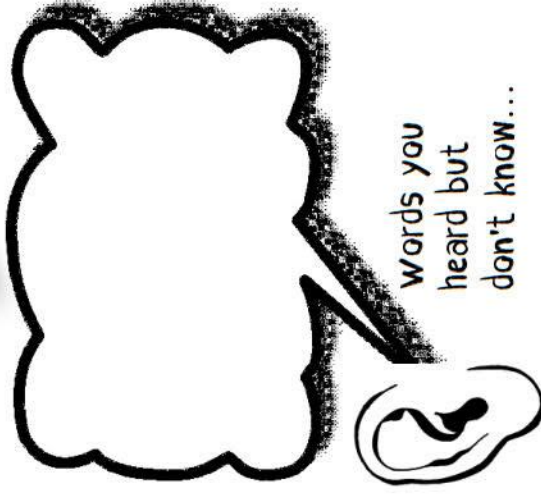
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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