

## The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

### 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)

### Monday, 9/28

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

### Tuesday, 9/29

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)  
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)  
 6:30pm – Men of Music Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

### Wednesday, 9/30

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, 10/1

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

### Friday, 10/2

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

### Saturday, 10/3

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

### Sunday, 10/4

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir 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)  
 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, the family of Ed Patterson, John Adams, Chris Schuster, and Arie Goudswaard.

**Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week...** 28-Geoff & Karen Newhouse

**Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week...** 28-Molly Miller, 29-Ellen McVey, 30-Stephanie Kretz, Jim Massey, Shawn Wilson Jr., 10/1-Jane Lacher, Jackie Leigh, Ryan Moeggenberg, Roni Rogers, 10/2-John Checkley, Dick White

**Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;** PRAY for St. Christopher's, Northport - Chrysanne Timm, Rector; Transfiguration, Indian River - Theresa Williams, Rector  
**In our international Anglican prayer cycle;** PRAY for The Church of Bangladesh

**Contact the church office**

989-631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto: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](https://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 – October 4, 2026**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

**Psalms 80:7-14**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

*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. 30, 2026**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Commemoration – Jerome, Priest and Scholar**

**Numbers 9:15-23**

**Colossians 3:5-11**

**Psalms 19:7-14**

**Luke 24:44-48**



**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.).



*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.



**Children's  
Grief Center**  
GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

*Register Here!*



**2026 Hearts of Hope Luncheon**

**Thursday, November 5, 2026**

**12:00-1:00 pm**

**(Doors Open 11:30 am)**

**Great Hall, 5121 Bay City Road, Midland**



Contact Jan Marcou ([janmarcou50@gmail.com](mailto:janmarcou50@gmail.com) / 989-430-2563) if you are interested in joining a group attending the Hearts of Hope Luncheon.



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!

**BLESSING OF THE TRICK OR TREATERS**

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



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

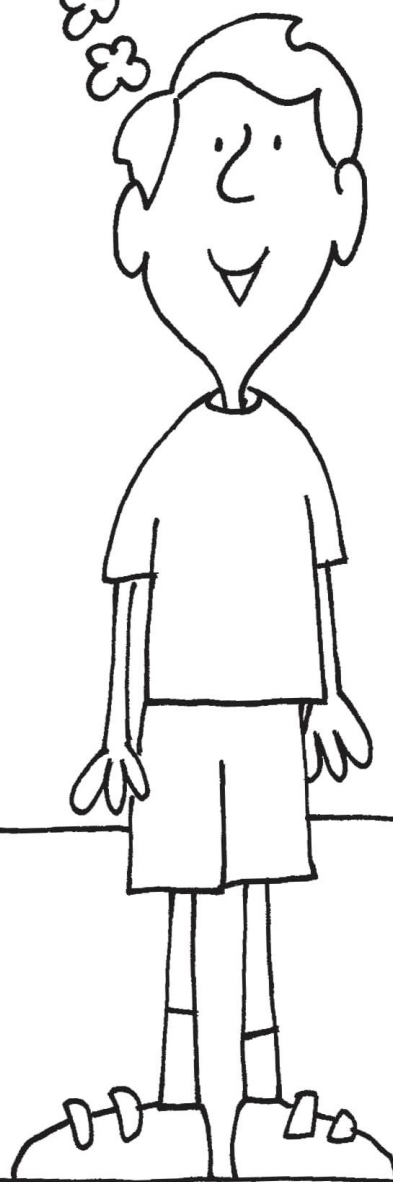
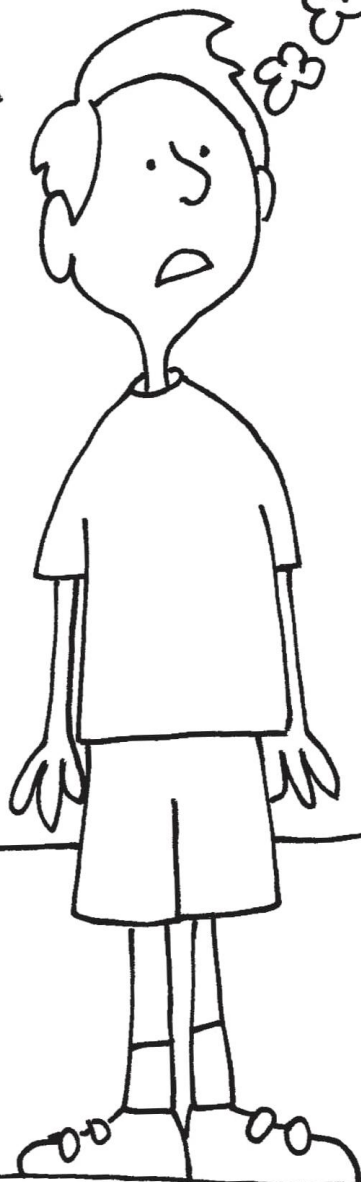


I WILL NOT!

OF COURSE I  
WILL DO WHAT  
HE SAYS.

I WILL, SIR!

NO WAY I'M  
GOING TO  
DO THAT!



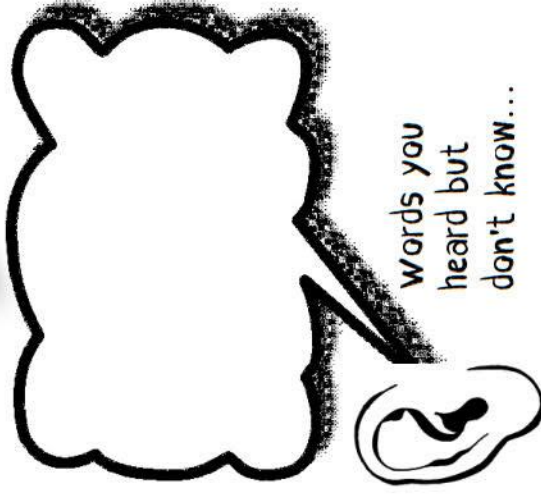
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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