

St. John's will be closed to regular foot traffic from Monday, October 19, through Wednesday, October 28. Several locations of regularly scheduled meetings have changed. Refer to the calendar for those changes. Staff will be working in a hybrid format and will continue to monitor phones and email.

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 10/18
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)
3:00pm – Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot
5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
6:30pm – Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)
Monday, 10/19
12:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)
1:00pm – Pastoral Care Committee (Zoom)
4:00pm – Dahlia Hill Society (Williams Hall)
6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)
Tuesday, 10/20
1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
6:30pm – Vestry (Zoom)
Wednesday, 10/21
10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Williams Hall)
1:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)
5:30pm – Tai Chi – The 24 Forms (Williams Hall)
Thursday, 10/22
9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)
1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (lunch offsite)
5:30pm – Harcrest Woods Condo Assoc. (Williams Hall)
Friday, 10/23
12:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)
6:00pm – Community Game Night (Williams Hall)
Saturday, 10/24
9:30am – Midland Quilters Squared Retreat (Wms. Hall)
Sunday, 10/25
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 & Blessing of the Trick-or-Treaters (Sanctuary & Livestream)
11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

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, Chris Lauckner, Bob & Jan Stoney, and Paula Mae Merrill.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week… 23-Jerry & Margo Nielsen

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week… 19-Leyna Gruhzit, 24-Alice Stoll

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for the Diocesan Convention; St. James, Cheboygan - Lewis Crusoe, Priest-in-Charge; Christ Church, Charlevoix - Erin Jean Warde, Priest-in-Charge

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada

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 – October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**
Psalm 1 **Matthew 22:34-46**

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/

Due to the carpet replacement project there will be NO NOON SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL this Wednesday, October 21, 2026

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 October, 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 / 989-430-2563) if you are interested in joining a group attending the Hearts of Hope Luncheon.



The ***3rd Annual Trunk or Treat*** is **TODAY, from 3-5 pm** in the church parking lot. In addition to trunks of candy, there will be food trucks!

BLESSING OF THE TRICK OR TREATERS

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





George Fee Lecture: Opera as a Window into the 18th Century
October 18, 1:30 PM, in the Community Room at the Midland Center for the Arts.
Presentation is FREE but tickets are required
cart.midlandcenter.org/33157

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
2026-2027 Concert Series
Open Doors – A Welcoming World of Music
October 18, 4:00 PM
"From Queen to Ellington"
Midland Saxophone Quartet
Reserve your free seat at:
www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series
105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI





ITS "OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW"!


GIVE TO THE EMPEROR THE THINGS THAT ARE THE EMPEROR'S...
AND GIVE TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S.

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: _____



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Words you heard but don't know...

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?

Favorite song today was:

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