

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

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

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)

Monday, 10/26
12:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)
6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)
6:30pm – Chorale/Camarata Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

Tuesday, 10/27
11:00am – Budget Committee (Zoom)
1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
2:00pm – Investment Committee (Zoom)
6:00pm – Midland ACS Pumpkins & Pizza (Williams Hall)
7:00pm – Welcoming Committee (Activity Room)

Wednesday, 10/28
10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Williams Hall)
1:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)
2:30pm – Investment Committee (Zoom)
5:30pm – Tai Chi – The 24 Forms (Williams Hall)

Thursday, 10/29
1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

Friday, 10/30
12:00pm – AA (Williams Hall)

Saturday, 10/31
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 11/1 – All Saints' Sunday
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)
2:00pm – Midland Area Girl Scout Event (Williams Hall)
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, Chris Lauckner, Bob & Jan Stoney, Paula Mae Merrill.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week… 31 – Kristina Mason & Kate Robinson

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week… 26-Avonlea Anderson, Sara Philo, 27-Gabby Robinson, 28-Lizzie Albright, 29-Mark McCartney, 30-Kate Robinson

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Trinity, Lexington - Mary Shortt, Priest; Monastic Solitary - Sarah Swart

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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 – November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17 **1 John 3:1-3**
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 **Matthew 5:1-12**

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 28, 2026

How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly: https://calendly.com/sjec-rector.

There will be no Coffee Shop Office Hours this week (October 29). Resuming November 5, you'll 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.

BLESSING OF THE TRICK OR TREATERS

TODAY during the 10 AM worship service. Join us in Williams Hall following the service for fun activities and treats!





All Saints' Sunday, November 1



All Saints' is one of the great feasts of the Church year, a time when we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith. In the Episcopal tradition, we remember not only the saints whose names fill the calendar, but also the everyday saints of our lives, those who have shown us love, taught us grace, and helped us glimpse the presence of God. While All Saints' and All Souls' are technically separate, they are often celebrated together. We honor the full Communion of Saints, the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds and supports us still.

You are invited to bring a photo, a small memento, or another reminder of someone you love but see no longer to church this Sunday, and during coffee hour take time for conversation and "show and tell," sharing stories of those who shaped us and continue to live in our hearts. Whether or not you bring something with you, we hope you'll join us as we remember, give thanks, and celebrate the love that binds us together across generations






THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT? IT'S SIMPLE BUT NOT EASY. IT'S ONE THING BUT IT'S REALLY TWO
LOVE GOD. LOVE NEIGHBOR
ANY QUESTIONS?

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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