

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

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)

Monday, 10/5

8:00am – St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Activity Room)

Tuesday, 10/6

9:00am – Building & Grounds (McNab Room)
 10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

Wednesday, 10/7

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, 10/8

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)
 6:00pm – Preschool Board Meeting (McNab Room)

Friday, 10/9

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

Saturday, 10/10

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

Sunday, 10/11

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 – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab 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, John Adams, Chris Schuster, and Arie Goudswaard.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 4-Adam & Sara Philo

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 8-Wendy Thompson

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Holy Family, Blue Water - Mary Shortt, Priest; St. Mark's, Coldwater - J Barrett Lee, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

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 – October 7, 2026
Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – Birgitta of Sweden

1 Samuel 28:3-19
Psalms 12

1 Corinthians 14:6-12
Matthew 11:2-15



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.).



Calling all St. John's Men
Monday, October 5, 8:00 AM!!

Join us for food and fellowship at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw 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.

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. 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.



Grove Music Festival

Bayberry String Quartet

October 16, 7:30 PM

in the Sanctuary at

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tickets \$10 at the door



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.html

105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI



HEY GUYS! HERE COMES THE OWNER'S SON, COME TO COLLECT THE PROFITS FROM HIS FATHER'S FARM!

I KNOW! LET'S KILL THE SON AND THEN WE GET TO INHERIT THE FARM. I'M SURE THE OWNER WILL GIVE IT TO US!

THAT'S THE DUMBEST IDEA I EVER HEARD! LET'S GO FOR IT!



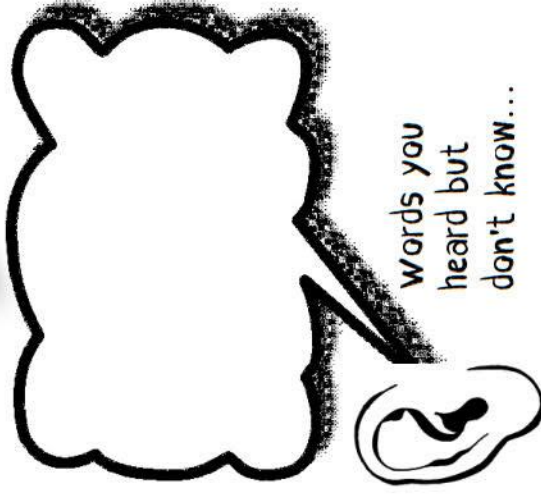
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

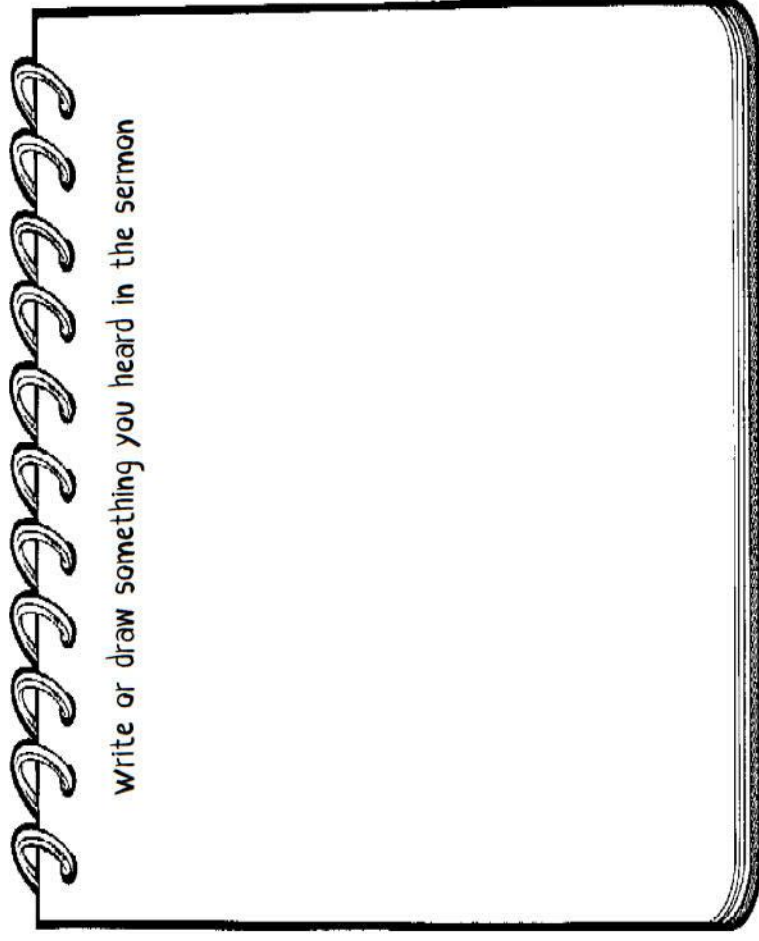
chapter:

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?

