The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 11/22
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)
Monday, 11/23
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Library)
6:15pm – Chorale/Camerata Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
Tuesday, 11/24
10:00am – Samaritan Fund Clients (Library)
1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
Wednesday, 11/25
9:00am – Midland Quilter's Sit & Sew (Williams Hall)
10:30am – Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel – use office entrance)
1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
5:30pm – Tai Chi – The 24 Forms (Williams Hall)
Thursday, 11/26 – Parish Office Closed



Friday, 11/27 – Parish Office Closed
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
Saturday, 11/28
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
Sunday, 11/29
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)

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…
Char Bakeman, Henry Youngquist, Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Bob Estabrook, Bob & Jan Stoney, Arie Goudswaard, Travis Fader, Charlie A., and the Breford & Kempsell families.
Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week… none
Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week… 24-Mike Spencer, 28-Ernest Carter
Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Grace, Port Huron - Shadrack Owuor, Rector; The Commission on Ministry committee and Co-Chairs
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Church of England

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 – November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 **Mark 13:24-37**

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 – Nov. 25, 2026
Commemoration: James Otis Sargent Huntington

Nehemiah 5:1-12 **Galatians 6:14-18**
Psalm 34:1-8 **John 6:34-38**

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 November you can find her at Live Oak Eastside (2405 Abbott Rd.)



The Parish Office will be CLOSED Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 26 & 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SHARING TREE

Help fill holiday wishes in Midland County

THANK YOU! All of the tags have been claimed. **Please be sure to return the items purchased, with the tag affixed to them, by Monday, November 30**.



Advent begins NOV. 29! Devotional books & pamphlets are now available in Williams Hall. Pamphlets are also available in the tract rack at the back of the church (on the wall next to the church entrance), on the cupboards by the door leading out of Williams Hall. These include devotionals for adults, families, & a few for teens/young adults. Books are on the Feature Shelves & include devotionals, books about Christmas & ideas for celebrating the season. Choose one for you and/or your family & find a few minutes of peace & quiet each day during this busy season.

Plenty Good Room: 2027 Stewardship

This year's stewardship theme, *What We've Received*, invites us to remember what we've inherited and consider how we might care for it and share it with others. Throughout November, we'll continue reflecting on the ministry we share and the generosity that makes it possible.

Stewardship packets that were not picked up have been mailed. If you don't receive one, drop by the office to pick one up or call the office (989-631-2260) and ask that one be mailed to you.

St. John's Family Potluck
SUNDAY, December 6
after 10AM service in Williams Hall



Main dish and drinks will be provided; you will provide vegetables, salads and desserts. There is a signup sheet in Williams Hall. For added fun, we will enjoy making a Chrismon.



The ***St. Martha's Guild Annual Basket Auction*** (and sale) starts **NEXT SUNDAY, November 29**! This is our major fundraiser for the year. We use these funds to bless a number of charitable endeavors around Midland. We have some assembled baskets as in years past, though we also have some homemade decorative items directly for sale as well. The auction will end on Sunday, December 13th at 11:30 am. If you would like to purchase a direct-purchase item, you may take that item before December 13th. Please see Denée Koonce or Christy Hopper for payment options for those items. **As always, thank you ALL for your generous support!**

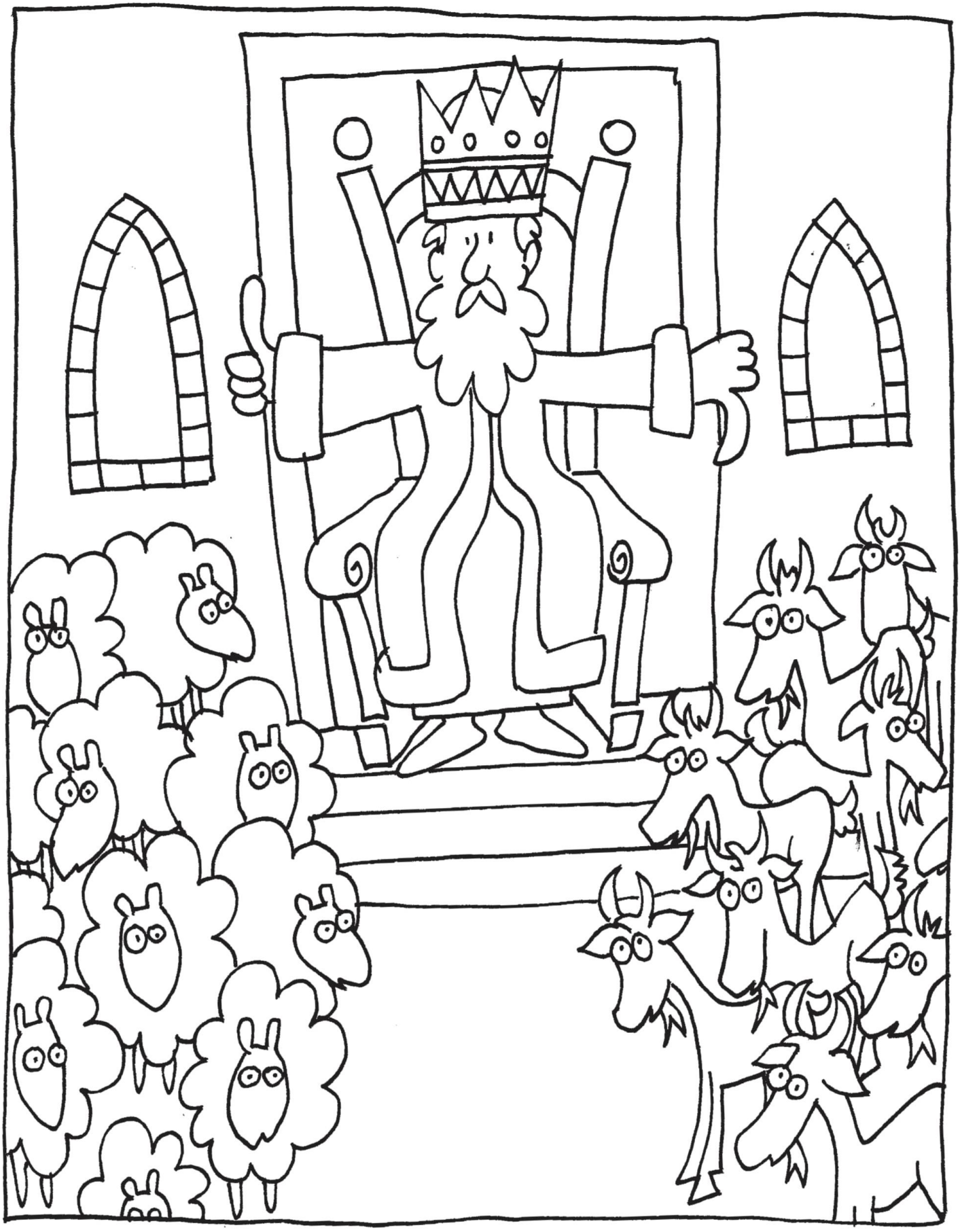
Christmas Decorations Fund



Christmas is a special time for adorning the church with seasonal decorations in traditional colors. You are invited to make a contribution to the Christmas Decorations Fund in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. A minimum donation of $35 is requested and must be received by December 17. Forms are inserted in your bulletin today and are also available on the table in the Narthex or from the church office.



Return to Narnia: *The Magician's Nephew* – Join us for another all-ages Narnia read-aloud! Beginning November 29, we'll gather around the fireplace in Williams Hall at 9am to enjoy C.S. Lewis's *The Magician's Nephew*, Narnia's creation story. We'll meet 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 1/10, 1/17, and 1/24, wrapping up 1/31. No homework or preparation needed; come whenever you can! We'll also look forward to Greta Gerwig's new Narnia film in February!



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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