The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 11/8 – ACT Uganda Handcrafts Sale
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)
1:00pm – SVSU Alpha Sigma Alpha (Williams Hall)
2:00pm – ACT Uganda Capital Campaign (McNab Room)
2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
Monday, 11/9
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Library)
6:30pm – Chorale/Camarata Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
Tuesday, 11/10
10:00am – Samaritan Fund Clients (Library)
11:00am – St. Martha's Guild (Activity Room)
1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
6:00pm – Midland Squared Quilt Guild (Williams Hall)
Wednesday, 11/11
10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Williams Hall)
12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel – use office entrance)
1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
5:30pm – Tai Chi – The 24 Forms (Williams Hall)
Thursday, 11/12
9:00am – Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)
1:00pm – Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)
Friday, 11/13
11:00am – DAR Good Citizens Program (Williams Hall)
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
6:00pm – Community Game Night
Saturday, 11/14
9:00am – Endowment Committee (Library)
9:30am – MMMTA Workshop (Williams Hall)
12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
Sunday, 11/15
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, Chris Lauckner, Bob & Jan Stoney, Paula Mae Merrill, Arie Goudswaard, and Mitzi.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week… 9-Gordon Thompson & Liz Davis, 11-Adam & Aimee Dupuis

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week… 12-Karen Newhouse, Margo Nielsen, Bob Stoney, 13-Sam Leigh, Ali Thompson, 14-Aiden Carter

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for For all deacons in the Diocese - Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons; St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo - Mary Perrin, Rector

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 **Matthew 25:14-30**

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. 11, 2026
Commemoration: Martin of Tours

Hosea 2:18-23 **Galatians 6:1-2**
Psalm 11 **Matthew 25:31-46**

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.)

SHARING TREE
Help fill holiday wishes in Midland County

We are coordinating a sharing tree for those less fortunate this holiday season. The tree has been set up in the Sanctuary for you to pick a tag(s) to fulfill. **Please return the items purchased, with the tag affixed to them, by Monday, November 30.** Please see Jan Marcou or Linda Germain with any questions.

Midland *Santa Parade*

The Midland Santa Parade is **Saturday, November 21** at 10 am. St. John's Welcoming Committee provides hot chocolate to parade goers at **SAMS Pantry** that morning starting at **9 am**. If you'd like to watch the parade, you're welcome to park at SAMS at 503 N. Saginaw. Just remember that the entry to the parking lot is on Cambridge St.



Plenty Good Room: 2027 Stewardship

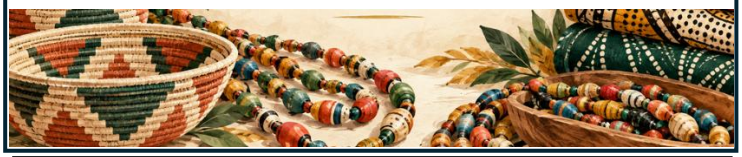
This year's stewardship theme, *What We've Received*, invites us to remember what we've inherited and consider how we might care for it and share it with others. Throughout November, we'll continue reflecting on the ministry we share and the generosity that makes it possible.

Stewardship packets are available in the Narthex for pickup beginning TODAY. If you are unable to pick up your packet in person, we'll mail it to you after next weekend. If there isn't an envelope with your name on it, the office doesn't know about you! Take an unlabeled packet, complete the Parishioner Information Sheet included, and submit with your pledge.

Uniquely Uganda
handcrafts by ACT's artisans

ACT Uganda Baskets & Beads & Handcrafts Sale
TODAY *in Williams Hall*

The baskets & beaded jewelry are made by Ugandan women artisans in Muko SubCounty, who are supplied with materials & training & paid a fair wage for their handcrafts by ACT. Most of the handsewn fabric items are made by mid-Michigan ACT volunteers using beautiful fabrics brought back from Uganda by ACT. Many St John's Episcopal members are volunteers for ACT, serving by sewing lovely items from Ugandan fabrics, staffing sales, sponsoring scholarships for students from primary through high school, and working on ACT programs. All proceeds support ACT programs.



ANNUAL MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL
SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE
Supporting Local Food Banks
COLLECTING FOOD TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN MICHIGAN!

The Boy Scout Food Drive is coming up on Saturday, **November 14**. The food is not being sorted at St. John's this year, but we still **need volunteers** to help us check dates of the donated items, sort and put the food away at SAMS Pantry. We will be there from **10 am** until it's all done, but if you are able to volunteer even just an hour or two of your time it would help us so much! This is a wonderful yearly donation for our pantry, but it's a lot of food. Please contact Denée Koonce at deknee@me.com or 281-770-6608 with any questions.


AND I WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS WEDDING.
POOR PLANNING ALERT.
YOU MEAN THE STORE IS NOT OPEN 24/7?
I DIDN'T THINK THIS THROUGH.
OOPS.

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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