**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany (“Life Sunday”) January 21, 2024**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then, in *response,* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invite-d to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and T.A.A.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “Listen, God Is Calling” **~ *LSB* #833**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***203*ff.**

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (green insert)

Readings (see first white insert)

Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day**: “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” **~** ***LSB* #839 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Your ‘Ninevehs’: The LORD Will Not Fail” *Jonah 3:1-5,10*

**Offering Hymn:** “Just as I Am, without One Plea” **~ *LSB* #570 (“Life” theme)**

**Distribution Hymns:**

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord” **~ *LSB* #830**

“Beautiful Savior” **~** ***LSB* #537**

“O God of Light” **~ *LSB* #836**

**Closing Hymn:** “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” **~** ***LSB* #856**

Postlude

**Because of Life Week**, which was this past week, leading up to **Life Sunday**, which is today, there are packets located on the entryway table that tackle subjects like unplanned pregnancy, aging communities, and terminal illness (just to name a few) and our Christian response to such issues. Please take one for your family to read and use.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 1-14: 8:00 | 40 | 30 |
| 1-14: 10:00 | 23 | 20 |
| 1-14: Total | 63 | 50 |
| 1-14: SS / Bible Class | 1 / 3 |  |
| 1-17: Bible Study | 7 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Kevin Arndt, Galen Young / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Dan Blacker / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jensen Zimmerman / Sophia Koglin

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Kevin Arndt, Galen Young / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (“Life Sunday”)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 111 825   
**O.T.**: Deut.18:15-20 **842**

**Epistle:** **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** 845; 696; 528

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28 819

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Ladies Aid will be hosting soup suppers before the 7 PM worship service during the Lenten season and need volunteers. **3 individuals** (**soup scooper, sandwich maker & dish washer**) are needed for **each of the six Wednesdays** from **4:45 PM to clean-up**. A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway.

We also need **2 cakes per week**. A sign-up sheet is available for that also.

Please consider helping so that we can continue to host these soup suppers.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Kowaleski or Suellen Emerick

**2023 Contribution Sheets** are in your mailboxes today.

**January – March *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway basket.

The **January *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.

**January newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: |  | **Life Sunday** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | **11:15** | **Quarterly Voters Assembly** |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm;** *(Sally)* **9am-12pm**

Tuesday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Wednesday *(Pastor &* *Sally*): **9am – 12pm**

Thursday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Friday: *(Pastor & Sally):* **9am – 12pm**

Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2024** | |
| Total Needed  Received (1-15-24)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 390.00   $ 390.00   $ 20,360,00 |

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| **January - December 31, 2024** | |
| Needed per count  Received (1-15-24)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 7,550.00  $ 14,720.00  $ 7,550.00   $ 14,720.00 |

Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-86995

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the

hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS:**   
Rosemary Koglin; Roger Friedland

**SHUT-INS:**

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| Yvonne Fuhrman | Jack Noble  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Norma Johnson  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeanette Piotter  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Sandy Struble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Joyce Koglin  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |  |  |

**FRIENDS:**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Natalie Morgan (daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

David Sias (great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Jaxon Bates (infant great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Ryder Finkel (6-year-old grandson of Don & Linda Finkel)

Daniel Polega

Logan Phillips (granddaughter of Linda Schave)

Duane Schave

**Want to get involved with the local pro-life movement?**  The Huron County Right to Life needs a secretary. The commitment is about two hours a month. You need to attend our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month, which are held in the evening and last about an hour. You would be responsible for taking minutes and typing them up. If interested, please call or email Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315 or [huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:huronrtl@gmail.com).

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to thechurch office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

**2024 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway, Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are available in the entryway.

**Memorials for Micheal Emerick, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church:** Ron & Beth Glotzhober, Kathy Mausolf, Margo & Kel Kelly, Rich & Mary Jane Pleiness, Kathleen Young, Lyle Schave **St. John Debt Fund:**  Gary Eggert, Harold & Carolyn Collings, Ray & Suellen Emerick, Alan & Judy McTaggart, Darla Pankow & Lola Smith, Herb & Betty Leese, Audrey Pochert, Phyllis O’Parka, Jeffery & Charise O’Parka, Jay & Cindy O’Parka, Charlene Sharrard **Trustees:** Nancy Schelke, David & Irene Schelke, Terry Reinke, Kevin & Sally Arndt **Barnabas Fund:**  Butch & Brenda Friedland, Larry & Joyce Harwood, Rich & Darlene Tyler

**In Memory of Erwin Schave, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church:** Fred Perlick, Ron & Laura Clancy & family, Heather Ann Lermont-Pope & Donald Robert Pope **Debt Fund:** Dennis & Kim Witherspoon, Ray & Suellen Emerick **Trustees:** Kevin & Sally Arndt, David & Irene Schelke, Kathy Mausolf

**Memorials for Arlene Zelz a donation has been given to the Debt Fund:** Ramona Reinke **Trustees:**  Ray & Suellen Emerick

**In Memory of David Ferris a monetary donation has been given to the Trustee Fund:**  David & Irene Schelke

**In Loving Memory of Ted Pochert, who went to heaven on January 10, 2000, a gift of money has been given for Missions:** Ray & Suellen Emerick

**In Honor of parents, Wendell & Ada McCollum, Lloyd & Mildred Pawlitz, and brother, Larry Pawlitz a monetary gift has been given to theTrustee Fund and Youth Ministry:**

Dr. Gary & Carol Pawlitz

