**2nd Sun. after the Epiphany January 15, 2023**

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 invited 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:** “I Lay My Sins On Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #606**

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

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse) **Hymn:** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ~ ***LSB* #702**

“Growing as One” (Green insert)

Readings (see back of 1st white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “The Only Son from Heaven” ~ ***LSB* #402 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “A Most Important Questin” *John 1:29-42a*

**Hymn:** “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” ~ ***LSB* #602**

**Offering Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfullness” ~ ***LSB* #809**

**Closing Hymn:** “When to Our World the Savior Came” ~ ***LSB* #551**

Postlude

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Due to the church being recarpeted, **worship today and Jan. 22** will be held in the school building **gymnasium**. There will be **no Communion** on these two Sundays.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE : SERVICE ATTENDANCE COMMUNION**

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| 1-6: Epiphany | 75 | 42 |
| 1-6: Hymn Sing/Program | 75 |  |
| 1-8: 8:00 | 51 | 48 |
| 1-8: 10:00 | 33 | 29 |
| 1-8: Total | 84 | 77 |
| 1-8: Sunday School | 1 |  |
| 1-8: Adult Bible Class | 3 |  |
| 1-11 Bible Study | 7 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Keyboard:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**NEXT SUNDAY****Keyboard:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Greg Woodke / Les Weiss

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 27:1-9(10-14) 849

**O.T.:** Isaiah 9:1-4 839

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 649, 644, 643

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-25 412

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

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

**January newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: In writing or via email, newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the prior month and **bulletin announcements** by Thursday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Worship, p. 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Worship, p. 203 |
|  | **11:15** | **Quarterly Voters’ Meeting** |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
|  | 7:00 | Ladies Aid |
| Tue: | 7:00 | Trustees |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: |  | **Life Sunday** |
|  | 8:00 | Worship, p. 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Worship, p. 203 |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $190,000.00

Received so far $155,510.00 Finance Board (1-09-23) $ 110.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 34,490.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** | |
| Needed per count  Received (12-31-22)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $11,570.00  $8,540.00  $11,570.00 |

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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

**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**   
Ruth Leese, Irene Pilaske

**SHUT-INS**

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

**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

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

Ainsley Hamilton (4 month old niece of Brooke Maurer & Ryan VerEllen)

**For the Love of my Family and Friends, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Ramona Reinke

**In loving memory of Ted Pochert who went to heaven 23 years ago on Jan. 10, 2000, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Ray & Sue Emerick.

**In loving memory of Elaine Eggert who passed away Dec. 18, 2021, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Gary Eggert.

**All you can Eat, Port Hope Amvets Breakfast, today.** 8:30 to 1.  
Adults $10, Children: $4 and under 5 free. Eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage. french toast, cinnamon rolls, scalloped potatoes & fruit.

**All you can Eat, Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club, Jan 20th.   
(**6101 Huron Rd.)3:30 to 7. Meals: $14. Fried fish, red skin potatoes, baked beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fresh bread & homemade deserts