***Sexagesima* (Pre-Lent 2) February 7, 2021**

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.

Today – the **“2nd Sunday before Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Sexagesima*,”** Latin for “sixtieth” – that is, “[about] *60 days* before Easter.” It is part of the three Sunday “Pre-Lent” season on the historic “One-Year Series” Church Year Calendar.

**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 are in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:**   ***LSB* #815** ~ “O Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 2”* ***LSB* pp.167ff.**

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

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #824**~ “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “No Chance of Failure” *Isaiah 55:10-13*

**Offering Hymn:** “On Galilee’s High Mountain” ***LSB* #835**

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #826** ~“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1-31-21: 8:00 | 58 | 51 |
| 1-31-21: 9:30 | 28 | 26 |
| 1-31-21: Total | 86 | 77 |
| 1-31-21: Bible Study | 8 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Tom Grills

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel/ Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Schave / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel/ Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Galen Young / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Logan Iseler / Whitaker Bender

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 89:18-29 or 146 841   
**O.T.:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 or

Isaiah 5:3-7 849   
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 18:31-43 660

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

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

**February newsletters** are in your church boxes.  
  
 **A friendly reminder…**newsletter submissions are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to publish. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday (9:00 am) before the Sunday to be published in writing.

**Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

**2021 Flower Chart** is up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel. Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Cass City |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation class |
| Wed - Tues: |  | Pastor Vacation |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Tuesday: (*Pastor & Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday: **Office Closed**Thursday: (*Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (*Kathy):* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $ 97,155.00 Finance Board (1-25-21) $525.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 26,845.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2021** | |
| Needed per count  Received (1-25-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $12,070.00  $16,300.00  $17,800.00 |

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***Scripture Alone***

The Sower Sows the Seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is Living and Powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to Conceive New Life in those who hear it. But the Planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ Bears this attack for us! Christ’s Cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and Rising again, He Destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might Sprout forth to New Life and Produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but Yields a Harvest hundredfold.

**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**

Betty Adkins; those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood (Courtney Manor) | Wally Schave |
| Elaine Eggert (Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin (Courtney Manor) | Arlene Zelz (Lakeview E.C.) |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese |  |
| Della Finkel   (Courtney Manor) | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

**FRIENDS**

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson)

Deborah Schubring (Ann’s daughter-in-law) (recovering from brain aneurism surgery)

Kenny Shepard (grandson of Joyce Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

Kay McTaggart is celebrating her 90th Birthday, February 19. If you could send a card, she would love that. Her address is 4306 Third St, Port Hope 48468.

**In Memory of Howard Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Joyce Koglin

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Breakfast: Today- Sunday, Feb 7th 9am to 12pm at Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club. 1601 Huron City Rd, Port Hope. Curbside drive thru only. No Phone Orders. Scrambled eggs, breakfast meat, pancakes, french toast, potatoes and a sweet treat. $8.00 each.

Roast Pork Dinner- Saturday, Feb 13th 3pm to 6pm at Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club. 1601 Huron City Rd, Port Hope. Curbside drive thru only. No Phone Orders. Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, coleslaw and dessert. $10.00 each.

Flowers on altar are in honor of Evan Dodge’s birthday from his family.

**THE EBB AND FLOW OF ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**Even during the Covid-19 lockdown of 2020, raw goods of clothing, quilts, and medical equipment continued to arrive at Orphan Grain Train-Michigan in Sebewaing.  The “receiving room” held stacks of boxes and mountains of bags piled to the ceiling because the Center could not be in operation.  Lately all those materials have been organized, processed, and warehoused for the next foreign shipment.  Perhaps due in part to wintry months, raw goods have declined in supply.  Empty pallets await the next surge of donations.  Please remember Orphan Grain Train when you sort through unused clothing or find medical equipment no longer needed.  Such valuable items will be placed in the hands of people in great need of Christian care around the world.

**A Smile for You:**In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. “Will I die?” she asks. God says, “No. You have 30 more years to live.” With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So since she’s in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great!

The day she’s discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in Heaven, she sees God. “You said I had 30 more years to live,” she complains. “That’s true,” says God. “So what happened?” she asks. God shrugs, “I didn’t recognize you.”