***“Sexagesima” (*Pre-Lent 2) February 16, 2020**

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 A.E.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 of the Day *LSB* #655** ~ “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

**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:** “Why Jesus Speaks in Parables” Luke 8:4-15

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*586** *~* “Preach You the Word”

***LSB* #728** ~ “How Firm a Foundation”

***LSB* #738** ~“Lord of All Hopefulness”

(***LSB* #643** ~ “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #652** ~ “Father, We Thank Thee”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 2-9-20: 8:00 | 52 | 48 |
| 2-9-20: 9:30 | 101 | 72 |
| 2-9-20: Total | 153 | 120 |
| 2-9-20: Sunday School | ? |  |
| 2-12-20: Bible Study | 9 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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 / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Hunter Iseler

**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): Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 89:18-29 or 146 556:8 O.T.: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 or Isaiah 35:3-7 849

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1 –13 545; 861; 744; 660

Gospel: Luke 18:31-43 841

Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available on the entryway magazine table.

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

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

**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.

**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: | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Tues: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 1:00 | Quilting at the School |
| 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 – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Kathy*): **9am – 11:30am; 12:30-2pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor & *Kathy*): **9am – 12pm** Please call ahead to make sure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 80,755.00 Finance Board (2-10-20) $ 2,830.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 43,245.00**

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

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| --- | --- |
| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (2-10-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 5,000.00**  **$120,540.00**  **$112,520.00** |

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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**

Charlie Koglin; Mike Brown; Anne Schubring; Pastor Dodge; Marsha Maschke; family of Bev Hartz.

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Mary Forbing | Willard Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Patricia Griffore | Gloria Schmalz |
| Elaine Eggert | Nathan Kaufman | Helen Schultz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Arlene Zelz |
| Howard/Della Finkel |  |  |

**FRIENDS**

Roman Jock (toddler cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (16 yr. old grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (8 yr. old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Ruby Maschke (Meadow Lane Assisted Living)

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

Jean Eggert (sister-in-law of Gary and Elain Eggert)

Earl Iseler

Joann Cove (sister-in-law of Lyle and Kathy Schave)

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (recently deployed to South America; grandson-in-law of Emerson & Irene Pilaske), wife Kayla, and two sons.

**2020 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.

**2020 Flower Chart** is now up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel.

Anyone interested in running for a **Church office: Vice-Chairman, Elder, Secretary, or Trustee**, please let an Elder know so we can get your name on the ballot for the April voters meeting.

**Birthday** (Feb 20th) **Card Shower for Charlie Koglin**. Please mail to Courtney Manor, 1167 E Hopson St. Room 504, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Or Place in Carolyn Collings church mailbox.

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at Zion Lutheran**, Sat March 14, April 10th and May 9th. 3:30 to 6:30. Adults $10 and Kids (5-12) $5. Pollack, French fries, baked potato, corn, salads, desserts, coffee and water. Take out available: 989-315-1302

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at ST. John Lutheran Church in Palms**, February 28, from 4 to 7. Adults $10 and Kids (to 12) $7. Pollack, French Fries or Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage and Dessert. Preschool Free, Bucket Raffles and 50/50 Drawing.

**TODAY - Port Hope 21st Annual Breakfast**, 9 to 1pm. Adults $8, Kids (5-12) $4 and Under 5 Free. Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Pancakes, Sausage, Scalloped Potatoes, Hash Browns, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Milk or Juice.

**Blood drive at AMVETS Post 115 on Feb 19, 2020**. From 1:00 p m till 6;45 p m Blood supply is very low. Need willing donors. Bring a friend and give a gift of life. Francis Schulte 810- 358- 8519

All **ladies** are invited & encouraged to join a new **Facebook community Thumb East Lutheran Ladies (TELL)**.  [www.facebook.com/groups/758653957956800](http://www.facebook.com/groups/758653957956800) The group is administered by Rachel Bulgrien, a member of Peace Lutheran in Sandusky and deaconess-in-training at Ft Wayne seminary. TELL will:

* help women foster deeper relationships while growing in their Christian faith through studying scripture together & praying for one another
* strengthen the bonds between Lutheran congregations in our circuit
* enjoy occasional social gatherings
* provide uniquely feminine spiritual care and mentoring

**Memorial for Albert Leese, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Herb & Betty Leese.

**Memorial for Carol Wessels, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Joyce Koglin.

**Memorial for Alvin Koehn, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Kevin and Sally Arndt.

**Memorial for Robert Witherspoon, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Judith Albrecht of Mt Pleasant.