**6th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)\_\_\_\_ May 14, 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  
**Baptism Hymn (8am):** Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” ~ ***LSB* #592**

**Opening Hymn of the Day:** “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” ~ ***LSB*** **#556:1-5  
 (memory)**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.** *Introit* (See first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse.)

“Growing as One” (See second white insert.)

Readings (See back of first white insert.)

Gradual (See front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse.)  **Hymn of the Day:** “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” ~ ***LSB* #556:6-10 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Identity: God’s & Yours” *Acts 17:16-31*

**Offering Hymn:** “For All the Faithful Women” ~ ***LSB* #855:1,3-4**

**Offertory Hymn:** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ~ ***LSB* #955**

**Distribution Hymns:** “Children of the Heavenly Father” ~ ***LSB* #725**

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” ~ ***LSB* #490**

“O Blessed Spring” ~ ***LSB* #595**

**Closing Hymn:** “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” ~ ***LSB* #834**

Postlude

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We welcome today (8:00am), through the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, **Owen Richard Schramski**, infant son of Chelsea & Dan Schramski. Owen’s sponsors are Megan & Josh Buckley and Ryan Cutler. “Write the name we now have given; Write it in the Book of Heaven!” (*LSB* #592:5)

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 5-7: 8:00 | 58 | 49 |
| 5-7: 10:00 | 40 | 32 |
| 5-7: Total | 98 | 81 |
| 5-7: S.S./B.C. | 3 | 11 |
| 5-10: Bible Study | 8 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel / Fred Hansen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild:** Connie Wilkowski and Becky Dodge

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel / Fred Hansen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Connie Wilkowski and Becky Dodge

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 68:1-10 652, 539   
**1st:** Acts 1:12-26 491

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11 682, 487, 461

**Gospel:** John 17:1-11 525

**April – June** ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

**May newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**2023** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the entryway.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the

church 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.

**2023 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.**

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: |  | **Mother’s Day** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  |  | **Holy Baptism**: Owen Schramski |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
| Tues: | 5:30 | LWML Day of Prayer @ Immanuel, Sebewaing |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs: **Ascension** | 7:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 151 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 151 |
|  |  | **Graduates Sunday** |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |

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

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Total Needed  Received (5-8-23)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 30.00  $ 530.00   $ 26,470.00 |

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Needed per count  Received (5-8-23)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $ 5,240.00  $ 76,860.00   $ 62,365.00 |

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; Logan Iseler; Family of Arnold Brown

**SHUT-INS**

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

David Sias (7-year-old great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

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

Debbie Schave (sister-in-law of Larry Schave)

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

Shirley Jahn (mother of Vicki Koglin)

Betty Burkhard (friend of Becky Dodge and Jen Kelley)

Becky Schubel (mother of Sally Arndt)

The **LWML will have a Day of Prayer** on Tuesday May 16th at 5:30 at Immanuel, Sebewaing. Pastor Dodge will lead the service.

**“Diaper Shower”:** To celebrate Mother’s Day, we will again be participating in the Lutherans for Life "Diaper Shower" from Mother's Day (May 14) through Father's Day (June 18). A portable crib will be in the entryway to accept your donations, which will be given to Positive Alternatives in Bad Axe.

**All you can Eat, Port Hope Amvets Breakfast, Today, Mother’s Day** 8:30 to 1. Eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage. french toast, cinnamon rolls, scalloped potatoes, & fruit.

Join **Lutheran Special Education Ministries** on **June 15, 2023**, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary with a fundraising gala at **Detroit’s Historic** **Gem Theatre.** The fun begins at 5:30 with a VIP reception. The gala begins at 6:30 with a seated dinner and silent auction. Our program will include a keynote presentation by former University of Michigan Men’s Basketball Coach John Beilein. We will also present the first annual Charles A. Winterstein Administrator of the Year Award to Thomas W. Wrege. Finally, the Rev. David and Pat Maier will serve as Honorary Chairpersons. For ticket and sponsorship information, visit luthsped.org/lsem-150th-anniversary-celebration.

A Smile from Becky:

Biblical Basketball Awards

Best Dunker: John the Baptist

Most Improved: Paul

Defensive Player: Peter

Comeback Player: Lazarus

Best From Behind The Arc: Noah

Coach Of The Year: The Holy Spirit

MVP: Jesus