**Reformation Sunday October 29, 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

*(Please stand and face the processional Crucifix.)***Processional Hymn of the Day:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ~ ***LSB* #****656(memory)**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 5”* ***LSB* pp.213ff. (8am**) **/**

 ”Divine Service, *Setting 4*” **LSB pp.203ff. (10am)**

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

 “Growing as One” (see green insert)

 Readings (see back white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” ~ ***LSB* #555:1-6,10 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “The Work Righteousness That Saves Us”*Rom. 3:19-28*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10am)**

**Offering Hymn:** “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near” ~ ***LSB* #599**

**Distribution Hymns:** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **~ *LSB* #411 (memory)**

 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise” ~ ***LSB* #579 (memory)**

“Amazing Grace” ~ ***LSB* #744**

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” **~ *LSB* #865**

**Recessional Hymn:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ~ ***LSB* #790**

*(Please stand and face the recessional Crucifix until it reaches the back, then face the Altar.)*

Postlude

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Flowers are placed on the Altar in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.

**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP MONTH OFFERING:** Today we begin gathering a special “Stewardship Month” freewill offering. Envelopes for this were included in the October newsletter. The collection basket will be left up until Thanksgiving.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 10-22: 8:00 | 48 |  42 |
| 10-22: 10:00 | 44 | 38 |
| 10-22: Total |  92 | 80 |
| 10-22: S.S./B.C.  | 3 | 4 |
| 10-25: Bible Study  | 5 |   |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Randy Smaglinski, Cody Siemen, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Weiss, Joe Weiss

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

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

**Altar Guild**: Janet Schave / Carolyn Collings

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

**Ushers (****8/10):** Dan Black, Larry Finkel, Rick Finkel / Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

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

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (All Saints)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 149 677
**1st:** Rev. 7:(2-8)9-17 676

**Epistle:** 1 John 3:1-3 585, 678, 671

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12 675

**October – December *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

**November newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**2023** **Offering envelopes** are 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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|  |  | **Reformation Sunday** |
| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.213 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |
|  |  | **Confirmation** |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: |  | **All Saints’ Sunday** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |

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

Tuesday (*Pastor & Becky*): **9am – 12pm**

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

Thursday (*Pastor & Becky*): **9am – 12pm**

Friday (*Pastor & Becky*): **9** **am – 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 NeededReceived (10-23-2023) Received year to date Amount Still Needed  |  $ 27,000.00 $ 100.00  $ 4,450.00  $ 22,550.00  |

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (10-23-2023) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 4,310.00 $ 162,260.00  $ 144,165.00  |

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**
Rosemary Koglin; Jennifer Kelley; Albert Bender; Earl Reinke

**SHUT-INS**

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| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Norma Johnson | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Joyce Koglin (Meadow Lane, B.A.)  | Erwin Schave(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese | Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz(Sanilac 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 (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

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

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

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

Duane Schave

Hubert Korroch (father of Becky Dodge)

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

**In Memory of our brother-in-law John Richardson who passed away 7 years ago a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Mission Fund:** Marv & Vicki Koglin

**William Henry Russell Classical Guitar Concert**.-- **Saturday, November 4, from 7-8:30 PM** An award winning classical guitarist and Christian musician, Bill's concert selections range from Bach and Mozart to Munsters and Spider-Man! There is always a surprise in store. Join us for an enjoyable evening. Free Will offering.

**2023 MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE –** On November 8, at the State Capitol steps in Lansing, there will be Life Rally at 11:00am, followed by a Life March at 12:00pm. Lutherans For Life of Michigan encourages all Lutherans to attend and to encourage fellow congregation members, family, and friends to attend with them. Rev. Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan wrote in the *Lifelines* newsletter: “We want to clearly demonstrate that those who advocate for the lives of our unborn babies have not abandoned the battle. **We are not going away.** With the passing last year of *Proposal 3*, Michigan has become a state controlled by a radical pro-abortion agenda. There are some who may think that this would discourage pro-life people into giving up in our effort to uphold the sanctity of human life. We need to show clearly that this is **not** the case. We will **never** give up. These tiny babies – *little boys and girls* – need us, and they need us to **stand fast**.” **Following the March** everyone is invited to a Lutheran Rally, refreshments, and fellowship at Hope Lutheran Church 1180 West Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI 48820, which is but a short distance from the March and is also conveniently located near the expressways.

**The Harvest Home Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 10am-2pm.** Donations of baked goods, canned goods, and crafted items will be accepted and are appreciated! You can drop items off on Friday, November 10th from 1pm-3pm, or on Saturday from 8am-9:30am. White elephant donations will not be accepted this year. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon at 989-670-7780.

CALLING ALL VENDORS & CRAFTERS

Ladies Aid is looking for vendors and crafters for the Harvest Bazaar on November 11th. This is something relatively new we are trying again this year. In addition to what the bazaar traditionally has to offer, we are looking to expand by bringing in vendors and crafters to offer even more.

What kind of vendors and crafters are we looking for?

* Crocheted Items
* Wood Signs
* Homemade Greeting Cards
* Wreaths
* Canned Goods
* Homemade Dip Packets

Keep in mind, we are still experimenting with this so we cannot guarantee how much traffic any vendors or crafters will get.

Tables will be provided and the fee to participate is $10. To reserve a spot or for more information, call or text Kristen at

989-551-7477.