**Last Sunday after Trinity/Church Year (“Christ the King”) November 20, 2022**

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

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.**

*Introit* (see first 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:** “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” ~ ***LSB* #516 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “Be on the Alert” *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” ~ ***LSB* #618**

“Earth and All Stars” ~ ***LSB* #817**

**Closing Hymn:** “Wide Open Stand the Gates” ~ ***LSB* #639**

Postlude

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**We welcome the Rev. Lee Wenskay,** *Emeritus*, Pigeon, to lead us in worship today.

**Flowers on Altar** are placed in memory **of John and Marla Kriewall’s** November 22, 1952 wedding and all 67 anniversaries; given by their children.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-13: 8:00 | 81 | 74 |
| 11-13: 10:00 | 41 | 32 |
| 11-13: Total | 112 | 106 |
| 11-13: S.S./B.C. | 3/5 |  |
| 11-16: Bible Study | 7 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

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

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

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

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Wyatt Hoody / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 122 331  
**O.T.:** Isaiah 2:1-5 332

**Epistle:** Romans 13:(8-10)11-14 903, 349, 343

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11 339  
 or Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

**November 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 Wednesday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 151 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs: **Thanksgiving** | 9:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday*:* **Office Closed**Friday*:* **Office Closed**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 $153,355.00 Finance Board (10-24-22) $ 75.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 36,645.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2022** | |
| Needed per count  Received (10-24-22)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,235.00  $13,200.00  $174,700.00  $150,340.00 |

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

***By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ’s Return***

*“The Day of the Lord will Come like a thief in the night”* (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The Arrival of the Bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *“For you know neither the Day nor the Hour”* when the Son of Man is to Return (Matt. 25:1–13). The Lamps are the Word of Christ. The Oil in the Lamps is the Holy Spirit, who Works through the Word to Create and Sustain the Flame of Faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the Working of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, preaching, and the Supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these Gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of Oil. The Flame of Faith endures to the End. By God’s Grace they are received into the eternal “Wedding Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom,” the “New heavens and the New Earth” Created by the Lord for the Joy of His people

(Is. 65:17–25).

**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**

**SHUT-INS**

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

**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)

Sally Brade (friend of Marv & Vicki 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)

Ruth Clark (mother of Don Clark)

Kurt Reinke (son of Romona Reinke)

**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** Our October, stewardship month free will “Special Stewardship Offering” is still being collected through Thanksgiving. Envelopes for this were included in the October Newsletter. This year’s special offering will be sent to the **Student Aid Fund of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church of, Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Road (M-46) in Saginaw, will host its 26th annual “Living Nativity – A Journey to Bethlehem,**” in December, on Fri the 2nd, 7-9pm, Sat. the 3rd, 6-8pm; and Sun. the 4th, 6-8pm. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that Blessèd night when Jesus Christ was Born. This is a free 30 minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

**Ladies Aid** will be doing **Fruit Baskets** on December 17th @ 9am.  We are in need of volunteers to either help assemble the baskets and to deliver.  Please contact Denee @ (989)428-3034 if you are able to help.  Thank you!