

Children

Preteen Bowling Night Sunday, October 28, 6 -7:30 p.m.
All 5th and 6th graders can bring friends to bowl with us for \$2.50 per game! Meet at Strike 'N Spare in Springfield and pick out some sweet bowling shoes. Bring extra money for the snack bar if you want some food.

Christmas Program Auditions Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.
Can you believe we are preparing for our Christmas Program already?! If you are in 1st grade through 6th grade, you are eligible to audition for a speaking role or special singing role in this year's program, *Really, Really, Really Good News*. Sign up to audition on our Children & Family bulletin board today! The program will take place on Sunday, December 16 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Parish Life Center (PLC).

Meet Me At The Movies! Friday, November 16, 7 p.m.
Families are invited to come see the new *Dr. Seuss' The Grinch* together as a St. John's group! We recommend purchasing tickets from AMC Showplace 12 ahead of time if possible. Families will be responsible for their own tickets and snacks (talk to Sam for financial assistance on tickets). Children must be accompanied by an adult during the movie. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Children in PreK-4th grade meet each Sunday in the PLC at 9:15 a.m. for Music & Opening, and then we go downstairs to our classrooms with our teachers. 5th and 6th graders can head downstairs to their classroom at 9:15. Meet us at the Welcome Table in the PLC Lobby for directions!

Adults

Millikin University Vespers December 1 - 2 p.m.
Join our Adult Ministries as we travel to Millikin University for the presentation of their 60th annual Vespers celebration. For sixty years, Vespers (which means "evening prayers") has signaled the beginning of the holiday season with a sumptuous evening of carols, choirs, and candlelight. Over 350 musicians join together for this joyous musical feast presented annually on Millikin's campus. Songs from past centuries combined with familiar carols and arrangements create an evening of seasonal warmth for the whole family. We will be attending the December 1 Vespers at 2:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at a local Decatur restaurant. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children. We will carpool from St. John's. Please contact Cindy Engstrom at 217.691.0471 to purchase your ticket. Deadline to sign up is this **Sunday, October 28**.

Adult Forum: The Book of Judges Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
The Book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise who seem to have the potential to save Israel, but in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver. Join us as we travel through the Book of Judges using a study written by pastor and author J.D. Greear. We will wade into the Book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, through each chapter we will be unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and showing how only the divine can redeem the fallen. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR).

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 9 a.m.
The Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesdays in the Parlor. Our new subject is "The History of Christianity II, The Reformation to Modern Megachurch." The information is presented via video by Professor Molly Worthen from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays, 9 a.m.
The Women's Bible Study group continues their Bible study in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR) with the Jesus Calling series by Sarah Young: Experiencing God's Presence. We welcome everyone!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

All events can be found at www.stjohns-springfield.org
There you will also be able to sign up for weekly event emails.

SUNDAY 10-28

Reformation Weekend

New Disciples' Class
AMR 5:00 p.m.
Joy Seekers Small Group
OFFSITE 5:30 p.m.
Encounter
PLC 6:00 p.m.

Preteen Bowling Night
AMF STRIKE 'N SPARE LANES 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 10-30

Coffee and Conversation
PLC LOBBY 8:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
AMR 9:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
PARLOR 9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting
MUSIC ROOM 9:00 a.m.
Stephen Minister Training
AMR 6:00 p.m.
Breakfast with Santa Planning Team
PLC LOBBY 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 11-1

Bells of Glory
SANCTUARY 5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir
MUSIC ROOM 6:40 p.m.
Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
MUSIC ROOM 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 11-3

Worship/Communion
SANCTUARY 5:00 p.m.
All Saints Family Dinner
AMR 6:00 p.m.
Connect Celebration Event
ACE SIGN MUSEUM 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 11-4

All Saints
Worship/Communion
SANCTUARY 8:00 a.m.
Fellowship
PLC LOBBY 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/t.b.d.
LOWER LEVEL 9:15 a.m.
Adult Forum
AMR 9:15 a.m.
Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
CHOIR ROOM 9:15 a.m.
Worship/Communion
SANCTUARY 10:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship/Communion
PLC 10:30 a.m.
Healing Service
SANCTUARY 3:00 p.m.
New Disciples' Class
AMR 5:00 p.m.
Parents in Christ
OFFSITE 6:00 p.m.
Parenting the Early Years
OFFSITE 6:00 p.m.



ST. JOHN'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation

October 27-28, 2018



St. John's Leadership Board

Adam Reiss, President
Amanda Johnson, Secretary
David Richter, Treasurer
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This Weekend

5 p.m. Saturday
Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister

8 a.m. Sunday
Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
Pastor Greg Busboom, Preaching Minister

9:15 a.m. Sunday
Fellowship/t.b.d./Adult Forum/ Sunday School

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The Messenger

Welcome

to St. John's Lutheran Church on this Reformation Weekend! We are glad you are here! If you do not yet have a church home and would like to become part of Christ's community at St. John's, we invite you to visit with one of our pastors. This weekend we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ--the good news--that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Pastor's Message

"For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law" (Romans 3:28).

Money equals ministry. Our annual General Operating Budget this year at St. John's totals \$1,031,562. This number represents all of the ministry that is done each and every day through our congregation. Out of this number, we purchase Sunday School curriculum for our growing Sunday School ministry, provide Vacation Bible School and Sunday night Encounter, pay the salaries and benefits of our three pastors and all of our other ministry and support staff, sponsor a missionary in Madagascar, provide over \$120,000 in support beyond the walls of our congregation for ministry across our synod and the ELCA, heat and cool our 50,000 square foot facility for all who use the building day in and day out, purchase music for our choirs to share in worship, and much, much more! Not included in the above number is the \$15,498 mortgage payment we make each and every month which comes from

Pastor's Message Continued

your ongoing generosity to the Be Bold Capital Campaign. The reality is that money equals ministry. The more money we receive, the more ministry we are able to do. The less money we receive, the less ministry we are able to do. These are the facts, plain and simple.

Here at St. John's, we work hard to make sure that the money we receive for ministry is used responsibly. While our annual budget of \$1,031,562 can seem a bit daunting, this amount breaks down to just \$2,826 per day, \$118 per hour, and just under \$2 per minute. To think that we are doing all the ministry that we are doing for under \$2 per minute is quite amazing!

As we look forward to Commitment Weekend on November 10-11, we are asking each and every disciple at St. John's to consider growing their giving to the General Operating Fund in 2019 by ONE! Perhaps you can grow your giving by giving an additional ONE percent of your income as you grow toward the Biblical model of 10%. Or, perhaps you can grow your giving by moving up ONE giving range as outlined in

the stewardship packet you received in the mail. Or, perhaps you can increase your giving by ONE minute per week (\$2) or ONE hour per month (\$118) or ONE day per year (\$2,826). Whatever works best for you, your increase of ONE will be used for Christ's ministry in and through this place! Remember, money equals ministry!

As disciples of Jesus, we give not because we have to, but because we get to. As disciples of Jesus, we give in thankful response to all that God has first given us. As disciples of Jesus, we give out of the freedom we have from knowing that we are "justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law" (Romans 3:28). As disciples of Jesus, we give to bear witness to the power of Christ's death and resurrection in the world. As disciples of Jesus, we give . . . because Jesus gave. Money equals ministry.

Plus ONE +

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation and thanks to the disciples at St. John's for all of their prayers for Natalia by Bill and Natalia Foard.

Remember in Prayer Dottie Beach, Marie Bomke, Marlene Carnduff, Ralph Chambers Sr., Bernadine Dickson, Ursula Edwards, Natalia Foard, Jim Greene, Susan Hampton, Steve Hardy, Chad Hicks, James Hicks, Evelyn Lageman, Betty Lunik, Ken Martin, Donna Moore, Judy Nika, Johneita Osterhuber, Arlene Pietsek, Gene Poehlman, LaMarcus Pool, Dean Rademaker, Priscilla Rademaker, Liz Saner, Jean Sergent, Debbie Slater, Katie Smith, Pat Sriner, Betty Stuemke, Perry Taylor, Kinslie Thompson, Carole Tracy, Helen Traeger, Stephanie van Ulft, Yogi Yoggerst

Holy Baptism We rejoice in the baptism of **Robert "Bobby" William Guy IV** and **Taylor Marie Guy** at our 10:30 sanctuary worship this weekend. Bobby's baptismal sponsors are Nolan Kulavic and Lucas Read. Taylor's baptismal sponsors are Robert and Jerrie Pharis. We pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill Bobby and Taylor with the gift of faith that they might daily grow in their discipleship to Christ in the world.

Affirmation of Baptism We celebrate this weekend with 11 of our 9th grade youth as they affirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation at our 10:30 sanctuary worship. These youth include: Megan Arnold, Olivia Baima, Jack Casey, Bobby Guy, Nolan Kulavic, Landon O'Connell, Jackson Pearce, Luke Read, Eli Scott, Ainslie Wilson, and Ashley Wolters. Please hold these young disciples in prayer as they take this important step of faith and commit themselves to a life of following Jesus.

General

This Weekend

We would like to welcome and thank our Brass Quartet instrumentalists that are playing at the 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. service.
Aaron Duncan, trumpet
David Coonrod, trumpet
Matt Traeger, trombone
Gina Coonrod, French horn

All Saints Family Dinner

This coming weekend, November 3-4, our congregation will celebrate the Festival of All Saints Day during all four of our weekend worship services. All Saints Day is a time for the Christian Church to remember those who have died during the past year and to look with hope toward the promise of resurrection we have in Christ. At each of our worship services we will read the names and light a candle in memory of each disciple at St. John's who has died during the last year. A light supper will be served around 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 3 in the Adult Meeting Room for the families of those disciples who died this past year. Ms. Jan Costello, Hospice Spiritual Outreach Coordinator at Memorial Home Services, will join us for supper and offer a short presentation. Please let the church office (217-793-3933) know by Tuesday, October 30 how many from your family can be at the supper. We encourage the whole congregation, especially those who have lost loved ones, to come and worship with us then as we remember those who have died.

Connect Celebration Event

We did it!!! Our congregation's first Connect series has been a success as over 100 disciples continue to gather over six weeks in 15 huddles as they explore the question, "What are you looking for?" All those who have participated in this fall's Connect series are invited to a Connect Celebration Event on Saturday, November 3 at the Ace Sign Museum (2540 S 1st St, Springfield) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner will be shared prior to huddles competing against one another in a huge trivia competition led by local radio personality Jim Leach! Prizes will be awarded to the huddles with the highest and lowest scores! Don't miss this fun evening of good food, good fellowship, and friendly competition! Watch for our next Connect series to kick-off in January!

Healing Service

Jesus invites us, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Pastor Pam will lead a Service of Healing for anyone yearning for healing either in their own life, in the lives of others, or in the life of our world. Comprised of readings from God's Word, song, silent reflection, and intercessory prayer, these services provide peace in an otherwise turbulent world. Following the service, our Stephen Ministers will host a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor. All are welcome to come and experience the healing touch of Christ's love.

Commitment Weekend

Bring your completed 2019 Commitment Cards (includes both your financial commitment and your time, talents, and touch commitment) to worship the weekend of November 10-11 as we celebrate our annual Commitment Weekend! Consider how you can grow your giving by ONE in the coming year! Then, bring your completed card with you to worship as we present our gifts in response to all that God has done and continues to provide for us!

Military Luncheon

To honor all veterans and active duty personnel and their families in the congregation here at St. John's, the Military Ministry Team is hosting a light lunch in the Adult Meeting Room. There will be a presentation by Joe Merrick on his experience of the Honor Flight program, with time afterward for socializing and fellowship. Please call Andy Miller (630.253.4134) or the church office (217.793.3933) to make reservations. Please let the church office know by November 4 if childcare is needed.

Saturday, November 3, 6 p.m.

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Sunday, November 4, 3 p.m.

November 10-11

Sunday, November 11 at 11:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting and Forums

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on **Sunday, November 18** beginning with a chili cook-off lunch at 12:00 noon in the Parish Life Center. This important meeting in the life of the congregation gives us the opportunity to approve the 2019 budget; elect leaders to the Leadership Board, Preschool Board, and Endowment Fund Committee; and conduct the business of the congregation. In addition, \$16,500 in St. John's Endowment Fund Grants will be awarded at the meeting to various ministries and agencies both in our congregation and our community.

To help prepare for this year's annual meeting, informational forums will be presented on **Sunday, November 11** and **Sunday, November 18** at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR). On November 11, reports will be shared by our five Vision Teams. On November 18, the finance committee will present the proposed 2019 budget. Your participation is needed. Please come and be a part as we continue to live out our congregation's mission **to be and make disciples of Christ, in response to God's grace.**

Grieving During the Holidays

The next series of Grief Support gatherings will be on Thursday evenings, November 8 through December 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The holidays can be the toughest time of the year, and the need for support may be even greater for those who are grieving. This Grief Support Group series will focus on coping with grief during the holidays. We welcome people who have participated before as well as those who would be new to the group. While we may grieve many kinds of losses, this gathering is for those who have lost a loved one. The death may have been recent or could have occurred in the past. To register, please call the church office, 217.793.3933. If you have questions, please get in touch with Pastor Pam.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Gathering for Grace Food Pantry

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is less than a month away. The Grace Food Pantry is helping more people than ever and is in great need. As in years past, St. John's is collecting specific food items to make sure the Food Pantry is stocked during the holiday season. After each worship service this weekend please grab a grocery bag on your way out, fill it with the items listed, and return to St. John's **on Commitment Weekend, November 10/11!** Last year, we collected 514 bags of food. As part of our Plus One fall campaign, lets see if we can collect 515 or more bags this year.

Annual Meeting Chili Cook-Off

As part of our Annual Meeting, we will be enjoying St. John's annual Chili cook-off. Dust off your chili pots and dig out your recipes for this fun event. Can you beat repeat winner Pastor Greg with your Chili? If you plan on entering your chili, please sign up in the Church Office or email Pastor Adam at pconnolly@stjohns-springfield.org.

Youth

Encounter

All 9th-12th graders and their friends are invited to Encounter each month in the PLC. Live Music provided by Andy Lazarides and friends - Specialty coffee drinks and smoothies provided by Solid Rock Cafe - Worship and Bible Study led by Pastor Greg - Small group discussion time. It's all back! And, it's new and improved! Don't miss it! This Sunday's topic: **Can you handle the TRUTH?**

t.b.d.

Each weekend, Pastor Greg leads a Sunday morning experience for 9th-12th graders in the Youth Room titled "t.b.d." From 9:15-10:15 a.m., we load up on unlimited supplies of chocolate milk, donuts, and apple treats, followed by an engaging discussion of important faith topics! This fall's topic will be prayer as we wrestle with questions like: Is prayer important? Is there a right way to pray? Does prayer really change things? Does prayer really change God? C. u. @ t.b.d. this fall. Friends and foes are welcome!

2nd and 4th Sundays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Sundays 9:15 -10:15 a.m.