

The Coming Week

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| Sunday, 2/18 9:00am - Bible Study 11:30am - Lenten Book Study 3:00pm - Moms Gun Sense Monday, 2/19 12:00pm - AA Tuesday, 2/20 9:00am - Quilters Squared 10:00am - Samaritan Fund 10:00am - Ecumenical Women's Bible 7:00pm - Vestry Wednesday, 2/21 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist 7:00pm - Midland Genealogical Society | Thursday, 2/22 10:00am - Love Knots 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together 5:30pm - Bell Choir 7:00pm - Choir Practice Friday, 2/23 12:00pm - AA Saturday, 2/24 9:00am - Leadership Day Sunday, 2/25 9:00am - Bible Study 11:00am - Youth Ministry 11:30am - Lenten Book Study |
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Next Sunday's Readings - February 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Romans 4:13-25
 Psalm 22:22-30 Mark 8:31-38

Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

"Preparing for Sunday" on our website: www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers..... The family of Hank Rogers, Rev. Mike Wilson, Kate Kirksey Johnson, Don Black, Emmy Bork, Cynthia Kinnear, Molly Young, Nicole Kempzell, Lynn Purves, Teresa Oliver, James Robinson, Kay Trautman, Richard Alsgaard, Ian Alsgaard, Shelia Nye, Phil Robinson, Rev. William Elliott, Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week February 21-Preston and Betty Jones.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ... February 19-Elaine Fabinski, Stephanie Hayden, 21-Lynn Purves, John Marcou, 23-Helen Johnson, 24-Marilyn Johnson.

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan pray for the Diocesan Staff.

In our international Anglican prayer cycle pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Rev. Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.

Contact Us

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| Parish email office @sjec-midland.org Rector email ken@sjec-midland.org | |

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our St. John's family

SERVING AT 8 AM

Lector..... Alicia Watt
 Eucharistic MinisterAlicia Watt

SERVING AT 10 AM

Announcer.....Bill Kent
 Greeters.....HJ and Lee Smith
 Ushers.....Paul Dasbach, Jenny Estabrook
Lee Smith, Bob Stoney
 Lector.....Deb Blackhurst, Betsy Greenwood
 Intercessor.....Rachel Blackhurst
 Element Bearer.....Lowell Youngquist
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Roger Bryant, Bob Estabrook
Hazel Robinson, Lowell Youngquist

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2019

Deb Blackhurst, *Co-Warden*.....859-3214 Ellen McVey, *Clerk*.....631-4169
 Pat Roush, *Co-Warden*631-4149

Class of 2020

Pat Wilson.....837-4066 Sara Philo.....859-5394
 Susan Rye.....642-3407

Class of 2021

Anthony Dizon-Webb.....430-3150 Greg Gwaltney.....708-4636
 Thomas Lane.....878-0261 Dana Pressnall.....859-3756

HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch
Bishop *Rector*

Staff

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| Joseph Bushre <i>Sexton</i> | Suzanne Di Piazza <i>Director of Children and Youth Ministries</i> | Denise Isenbarger <i>Bookkeeper</i> |
| Charlotte Jacqumain <i>Parish Secretary</i> | Carol Sullivan <i>Ministry Coordinator</i> | Gloria Stark <i>Janitor</i> |
| Mair Alsgaard <i>Organist</i> | Betsy Greenwood <i>Director of Handbells</i> | Dennis Van Koevering <i>Director of Music</i> |

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
 AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
 ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information inside this bulletin.

For 10:00AM liturgy, please see inside.

8:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Following the pattern of the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - RITE II

Salutation p. 355

Gloria p. 356

Collect of the Day printed on insert

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-17 printed on insert

Psalm 25:1-9 *(To be read in unison)* printed on insert

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22 printed on insert

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:9-15 printed on insert

Sermon The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch

The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form II p. 385

The Confession p. 360

The Peace

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

We ask what you share to be prayerful, worshipful and brief.

Offering

Together **All things come of thee, O Lord,
 and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Holy Communion

Post-communion Prayer p. 365

Blessing and Dismissal

10:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude - "Rhosymedre" *R. Vaughan Williams*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn - "Hail to the Lord's anointed" #616 in The Hymnal

Gloria #S-280 in The Hymnal

Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Collect of the Day *printed on insert*

First Lesson - Genesis 9:8-17 *printed on insert*

Psalm 25:1-9 *(To be read in unison)* *printed on insert*

Second Lesson - 1 Peter 3:18-22 *printed on insert*

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession - "Wait for the Lord" *Worship Binder*

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:9-15 *printed on insert*

Sermon *The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch*

Choir Anthem - "The Shall Soar Like Eagles" *Laura Manzo*

Please stand to say

Nicene Creed p. 358 in The BCP

Prayers of the People

Leader Open our eyes;
People Open our ears.

The Confession p. 360 in The BCP

The Peace

Thanksgivings, Blessings and Prayer Requests

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Offertory Sentence

Offertory - "The glory of these forty days" #143 in The Hymnal

Doxology

Together **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367 in The BCP

All are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the directions of our ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from the Celebrant at the time the elements are being distributed.

Sanctus S-129 in The Hymnal

Communion Hymn - "Forty days and forty nights" #150 in The Hymnal

Post-Communion Prayer p. 365 in The BCP

Blessing

Hymn - "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" #448 in The Hymnal

Dismissal

The dismissal will be offered by one of our clergy, with the following response:

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude - "Christ is made the Sure Foundation" *arr. David Johnson*

Faith Formation This Lent

LENTEN BOOK STUDY - 11:30AM SUNDAYS IN LENT, FEB 18-MAR 18

In advance of our first gathering, please purchase & read chapters 1-2 of Elizabeth Liebert's *The Way of Discernment: Spiritual Practices for Decision Making*. We'll examine specific approaches individuals or communities can take doing discernment work & reaching decisions.

LENTEN MEDITATION GROUP - 5:30PM WEDNESDAYS, FEB 21-MAR 21

Gathering for an hour each Wednesday evening, we'll learn about Christian meditation from Benedictine monk Fr. Laurence Freeman, and then practice it together. All are welcome to participate, especially those with little or no prior experience with meditation.

LENTEN QUIET NIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 2

5:30pm Soup Supper // 6:15pm Opening Prayer // (3) 30 min stations

Following fellowship over a simple soup supper and opening prayer, participants will be encouraged to experience (3) 30 minute stations-spending time in reflection, meditation, and discernment. In any order, our stations are: Create & Contemplate (Williams Hall), Prayer Garden (Narthex), and Praying With Posters (Sanctuary).

LABYRINTH WALKS - When received, the labyrinth will be set up in Williams Hall and we'll aim to schedule those desiring to use it.

LIBRARY MATERIALS - Devotional pamphlets for Lent are now available on a table in Williams Hall and devotional & informational books are available on the Library Feature Shelves there. Some pamphlets may be found in the tract rack at the back of the church. Other Lenten information may be found on the kiosk. Look and see what will help you to keep a holy lent and prepare for the glory and joy of Easter.

Did You Know?

St. John's has two wheelchairs available for use during services or events. One is in the Narthex and the other just inside the door going from the garden into Williams Hall. Large print bulletins & hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher to help you locate any of these items.

Women Journeying Together will begin a new DVD study, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* with Philip Yancey, on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1:00 in the Activity Room down the stairs across from the office. This is a 10 week study and a book to accompany the DVD will be available for purchase. Women of all ages are invited to join us for this excellent study Thursdays, 1:00-~2:30PM, in the Activity Room. Questions? Contact Marnie Bash, mpbash@ameritech.net.

Loaves & Fishes To Restart

Loaves & Fishes has been a long-running dinner fellowship ministry at St. John's. Bob Stoney & Bob Estabrook are the new organizers. Beginning with signups through Lent, they hope to organize groups so that dinner gatherings may occur this April-May-June. Find the signup sheet on the Williams Hall bulletin board.

Pancake Supper Thanks

Our annual Shrove Tuesday classic added a fun twist this year and brought in over \$975 for our SAMS Food Pantry. We thank all those who lent their time and hospitality to this community event. Gatherings like these strengthen St. John's, our relationship with each other and our neighbors.

Newsletter Reminders

St. John's monthly newsletter is always available from the bottom menu of any page of our website. Click on "ENEWSLETTER" and you'll get the current edition of The Epistle. The last page of every edition also lists the next month's submission date. We hope this is helpful!

Children and Youth Formation News

All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to join us for **Religious Formation** every Sunday (9-9:50 am) in the lower Level. Look for the room where an easel is in the hallway that says Welcome!

Preschool and Kindergarten class will now meet during the 10:00 am service. Please connect with Suzanne for more information.

Youth Formation schedule has been posted to our website. Watch for exciting activities in 2018! www.sjec-midland.org/youth

Wanted: Old Magazines

Old magazines are a great source of colorful images for craft-making activities. Nature scenes & family-oriented magazines are ideal. Please place in the marked box in our narthex.

Wash your hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere.

To help keep us germ free during cold and flu season, hand sanitizer has been placed in the card holder located at the end of each pew.