

The Coming Week

<p>Sunday, 4/29 9:00am - Bible Study 11:30am - Narrative Budget Gathering</p> <p>Monday, 4/30 12:00pm - AA 5:30pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>Tuesday, 5/1 8:00am - Building & Grounds Committee 10:00am - Ecumenical Women's Bible 10:00am - Samaritan Fund 1:00pm - Knit Pickers</p> <p>Wednesday, 5/2 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Thursday, 5/3 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together 7:00pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>Friday, 5/4 12:00pm - AA</p> <p>Saturday, 5/5 3:00pm - MiJung Trepanier Piano Concert</p> <p>Sunday, 5/6 9:00am - Bible Study 11:30am - Narrative Budget Gathering 1:00pm - Piano Recital</p>
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Next Sunday's Readings - May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6
Psalms 98	John 15:9-17

Spent 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.

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers..... Rev. Mike Wilson, Don Black, Emmy Bork, Kate Kirksey Johnson, Jenny Kendrick, Lynn Purves, Molly Young, Nicole Kempself, Teresa Oliver, Kay Trautman, James Robinson, Shelia Nye, Ian Alsgaard, Phil Robinson, Rev. William Elliott, Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week ... May 5-Lynn and Joan Miller.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ... April 29-Chloe Stafford, 30-Jim Bakeman, May 2-Betsy Pierce, Betty Jones, 5-Jeanne Black.

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan pray for Trinity, Lexington

In our international Anglican prayer cycle pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem and the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem .

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

SERVING AT 8 AM

Lector.....Lowell Youngquist
Eucharistic Minister.....Lowell Youngquist

SERVING AT 10 AM

Announcer.....Marnie Bash
Greeter.....Bob and Jenny Estabrook
Ushers.....Jim Bakeman, Bob Stoney
..... Jacques Randolet
Acolyte.....Tessa Kent, Ellen McVey, Josh Thompson
Lector.....Rachel Blackhurst, Karen Roberts
Intercessor.....Marnie Bash
Element Bearer.....Bonnie Bash, Marnie Bash
Eucharistic Ministers.....Roger Bryant, Ellen McVey
.....Karen Newhouse, Hazel Robinson

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2019	
Deb Blackhurst.....859-3214	Ellen McVey, Clerk.....631-4169
Pat Roush.....631-4149	
Class of 2020	
Pat Wilson.....837-4066	Sara Philo.....859-5394
Susan Rye.....642-3407	
Class of 2021	
Anthony Dizon-Webb, Co-Warden...430-3150	Greg Gwaltney.....708-4636
Thomas Lane, Co-Warden.....878-0261	Dana Pressnall.....859-3756

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

Clergy		
The Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick <i>Bishop</i>		The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch <i>Rector</i>
Staff		
Joseph Bushre <i>Sexton</i>	Denise Isenbarger <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Charlotte Jacqmain <i>Parish Secretary</i>
Gloria Stark <i>Janitor</i>	Carol Sullivan <i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	
Mair Alsgaard <i>Organist</i>	Betsy Greenwood <i>Director of Handbells</i>	Dennis Van Koevering <i>Director of Music</i>

Contact Us

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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
Collect of the Day	<i>printed on insert</i>
Gloria	p. 356
First Reading - Acts 8:26-40	<i>printed on insert</i>
Psalm 22:24-30 (To be read in unison)	<i>printed on insert</i>
Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-21	<i>printed on insert</i>
Gospel Reading - John 15:1-8	<i>printed on insert</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch</i>
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	
<i>We ask what you share to be prayerful, worshipful and brief.</i>	
Offering	
<i>Together</i>	All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.
The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A	p. 361
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 - "Prelude in F Major"

J. S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn - "O day of radiant gladness"

#48 in **The Hymnal**

Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise



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Collect of the Day

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Psalm 22:24-30

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Second Lesson – 1 John 4:7-21

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Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession - "Celtic Alleluia"



Gospel Reading - John 15:1-8

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Sermon

The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch

Choir Anthem—"You Are My Light"

Dave and Jean Perry

Please stand to say

Nicene Creed

p. 358 in **The BCP**

Prayers of the People

Leader Loving God

People Put your words in our hearts..

The Confession

p. 360 in **The BCP**

The Peace

Thanksgivings, Blessings and Prayer Requests

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

Offertory Sentence

Offertory - "In Christ there is no East or West"

#529 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 A

p. 361 in **The BCP**

All are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the directions of our ushers.

Sanctus

S-129 in **The Hymnal**

Communion Hymn - "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

#344 in **The Hymnal**

Post-Communion Prayer

p. 365 in **The BCP**

Blessing

Hymn - "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

#379 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 - "Joyous Acclamation"

G. Martin

Narrative Budget Gatherings Continue

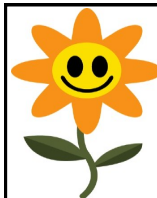
If you didn't catch last week's Narrative Budget presentation, you've still got TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY as options to attend. If you attended last week, thank you! If attending today, find seats at the tables near the podium in Williams Hall after 10am worship. If planning to attend next week, May 6, RSVP to the office so we may order lunch accordingly.

Our vestry and rector join our Finance Committee in encouraging all parishioners to attend. We want your input on the new and creative approaches to budgeting and stewardship St. John's is considering.

The Finance Committee will present the second part of this budgeting & stewardship information later this spring; see newsletter or website for details: www.sjec-midland/narrative-budget (hover over "With Everything We've Got" menu title and click on "Narrative Budget Gatherings").



Flower Fundraiser... The Preschool is selling flower vouchers to Kutchey's Greenhouse for a fundraiser again this year. Order forms are available in the Narthex and in the office. All orders and payments will be picked up in the church office on Wednesday, May 2.



Saturday, May 12 is Midland Blooms, the planting of flowers on Eastman Road. I'm looking for a team of 5-8 people to plant. Please contact Jacques Randolet at 835-9563 or jacquesusa@charter.net.

Happening This Week & Next

Piano Solo Concert - Saturday, May 5, 3:00 PM

St. John's Hosts MiJung C. Trepanier, D.M.A.



"luminous in tone...musicianship of the highest order... a performance full of color and texture" - Saginaw News. Pianist MiJung C. Trepanier performs Piano Solo Works of Johannes Brahms, Clara & Robert Schumann. No fee; goodwill donations encouraged. All are welcome!

Stamp Out Hunger - Volunteer Opportunity!

Saturday, May 12 approx 3:00-6:00 PM

We got off to a good start but **we still need volunteers** to help us process the thousands of donated food items SAMS Pantry will receive on Saturday, May 12 as part of the Stamp Out Hunger letter carriers' campaign. Volunteer roles include checking food package integrity & use by dates, sorting out discards and placing like items together for easier stocking later. **Even if you can only help for one hour, we'll take it! Please contact Carol Sullivan by May 8 at 631-2260 or carol@sjec-midland.org.**

Do You Like Organizing? Do You Like History? St. John's has LOTS of old church records and it's a fascinating albeit time-consuming task to sort through it all! We're looking for folks to lend their time, as able, to this ongoing project. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Faye Ebach at 835-7518 or faeae@charter.net

Jenny Kendrick was hospitalized and is recovering following a serious infection in her knee requiring ultimate replacement. Get well wishes may be sent to Jenny's home address: 15712 Country Lake Drive, Pineville, NC 28134

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 & Kindergarten class meets during 10:00am worship.

Youth Formation schedule & activities are on our website:

www.sjec-midland.org/youth

Zion Lutheran Bay City (510 W. Ivy) hosts **"Raising a Healthy Baby"** **Sat., May 5, at 6:30pm**. This Faith Stepping Stones course is a **3-week class** designed to encourage parents to lead and teach their children faith at each unique stage of their child's development. Soon-to-be parents and parents of infants are invited to learn more about their baby's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and connect with other young parents. Spread the word. RSVP to (989) 894-2611.