



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA

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*Summer Office Hours: 9am-1pm*

*Worship With Us! Sundays: 9am*

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**SPIRIT NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2017**

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St. John Lutheran Church at 915 Federal Ave. is honored to welcome The Reverend Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Church in America to preside over our service Sunday, August 13, 2017.

Also that Sunday, we are pleased to host guest organist, David Strouse at the 9:00 am worship.

David is a native of Saginaw, Michigan. At age 15 he became the staff organist at St. John,



and served in that position throughout his high school years, and until he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1978. David is currently Vice President, Finance for CBS Television Network in Hollywood, CA. David continues to share his extensive musical talents in CA, around the country, and throughout the world. David is also the owner of three historic properties in Old Town Saginaw, which he has done extensive renovations on. \*see attached bio on David

St. John Lutheran Church has been in existence in downtown Saginaw since 1852. Our congregation has a heart for the city of Saginaw, and particularly for the East Side of Saginaw where it has its roots. Music is an important part of our church's history.

This service will show the heart shared for Saginaw and love for music, reuniting Christian friends. The public and our St. John family, is welcome to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by a meet and greet reception for David in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to invite family and friends.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome.

## AUGUST 2017

Thursday, Aug. 3rd  
**CUPCAKE BAKE 3pm**  
for Fun Fair Cupcake Walk

Sunday, Aug. 6th  
**Worship w/Communion 9am**  
10:15 Coffee Hour

Sunday, Aug. 13th  
**Worship w/Communion 9am**  
**Guest Preacher:**  
**Bishop Craig Satterlee**  
**Guest Organist:**  
**David Strouse**  
10:15 Coffee Hour  
Reception following

Fri, Aug 18th - Sun, Aug 20th  
**CAMP LU-WIX-E**  
**Family Camp**

Sunday, Aug. 20th  
**Worship w/Communion 9am**  
10:15 Coffee Hour  
**Camp-Lu-Wix-E Potluck 2 pm**

Wed, Aug..23rd  
**Bible Study Resumes 1pm**

Thursday, Aug 24th  
**Food Pantry 8am**

Sunday, Aug. 27th 9am  
**Worship w/Communion 9am**  
10:15 Coffee Hour

Wed, Aug 30  
**Bible Study 1pm**

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

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## St John Lutheran Numbers

Date	Attendance	Deposit
7/2	26	\$1,711.00
7/9	34	\$1,173.80
7/16	35	\$629.37
7/23	29	\$2,639.00
7/30	36	\$1,019.00

### Memorials/Gifts Received

July 1 - July 31, 2017

Altar Flowers	\$85.00
Breakfast for the Hungry	0.00
Camp Lu-Wix-E Gifts	0.00
Congregational Life	200.00
Commitment to Mission	64.00
Evangelism	0.00
General Fund	420.00
Heating Fund	0.00
Luther League	0.00
Music & Worship	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$467.00</b>

Year-to-Date Offering Income	\$39,069.52
Year-to-Date Rental Income	\$19,152.00
Year-to-Date Trust Income	\$80,000.00
Year-to-Date Seminary Student	\$8,000.00



## August 6th Fun Fair Back to School Give Away



Needed: Back to school supplies, food donations, and volunteers.

St. John is hosting "For Kids of the Kingdom" fun fair on August 6, 2017, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Your help and support is needed to spread the word, volunteer and donate. There will be games for the children, a cake walk, arts & crafts and, of course, popcorn!

Please join us baking cupcakes in Knauer Hall Thursday, August 3rd at 3pm for the cupcake walk.



## St John & Our Saviour Family Camp at Camp Lu-Wix-E

The weekend of **Friday, August 18th thru Sunday, August 20th** will be the annual Family Fun Camp. In the spirit of fellowship, we have invited Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

We ask that each attend give \$10 to cover food costs,. Reserve your spot by calling **Pam Aven (989) 385-4877**. We need all monies in by August 6th.

Your stay, meals and small craft projects are also included.

If you are not able to come for the weekend, please do join us **Saturday, August 19th at 2pm for potluck**. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy our camp.

# St. John Annual Pig Roast

AUGUST 13TH IS THE DATE!



Carl and Betty Quackenbush host our annual congregational pig roast at their farm each year. Just bring a dish to pass and sign up on the church news bulletin board. Show up any time after noon, with food being served at 3:00 pm.

## Help reunite a family and bring children out of danger through Esther's Daughters

ESTHER'S DAUGHTERS is a mission project of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. The goal of the mission project is to bring two young girls from Papua New Guinea to the United States and assist their adoptive family in establishing permanent housing. The girls (age 12 and 15) are the orphaned nieces of one of Beautiful Savior's members. They are currently in the care of their aging grandmother, who is in declining health. Should something happen to their grandmother, these girls are left with few opportunities, and at best, would be placed in arranged marriages (away from their current village) or, at worst, face the risk of human trafficking. Funds raised will be used by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for legal fees, travel costs, and other financial needs associated with an international adoption. If you can help, you may donate online at:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/estersdaughters>  
You can also donate by sending a check to: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, and in the memo line write "Esther's Daughters Mission." (These girls are the nieces of Michelle Basner-Ketepa's husband, David. Michelle is the daughter of Pr. Kathleen and Mike Basner, and grew up at St. John. Michelle is on the staff at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

## Church Updates

### Our Dearly Departed

**Audrey Edmond, who passed away July 4, 2017**  
*John Balderas would like to thank the congregation for the support at his time of need and for attending Audrey's Funeral. He would also to thank Audrey's granddaughter, Tracy Corbat, for arranging the going home.*

### Baptism

**July 16, 2017: Allison Lucille Milotz**  
Parents: Mike & Jamie Milotz  
Sister: Julia Milotz  
Sponsors: Felina Torrez and Patrick Moore.

## Stephen Ministry Training

STEPHEN MINISTRY will provide a 15 week training session this fall, beginning August 22, 2017 ending December 12, 2017. Session will be held monthly on Tuesdays, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

The location will be at a Christian church in the area, and will be announced at a later date.

Think of those in your in your congregation and your pool of individuals who are good listeners, encourages, and love Jesus. You can encourage individuals to polish their caregiving skills through Stephen Ministry training.

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Sue Hand at Zion Lutheran Church on Hancock in Saginaw, or call (989) 792-7135.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 2 Brent Keaner  
Aug 7 Madeline Blohm  
Aug 9 Jennifer Hoffman  
Thomas McInerney  
Aug 10 George Hopper, Jr.  
Aug 12 Matthew Jahn  
Aug 15 Robert Henley  
Aug 25 Karen Beers  
Aug 28 Michael Basner  
Aug 30 Anthony Bell



Aug 18 Robert & Alice Morgan  
Aug 20 Kimberly & Jeffrey Hoppe  
Aug 23 Thomas & Linda McInerney

## Church Council - 2017

### Officers to serve from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

President	Robert Morgan
Vice-President	Mark Oswald
Treasurer	Carl Quackenbush
Secretary	Ruth Sharper

### Boards to serve from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Stewardship & Finance	Carl Quackenbush
Building & Maintenance	Michael Basner
Worship & Music	Pr Kathleen Basner Janet Goodeman
Congregational Life	Marcy Andersen
Evangelism	Eveline Gatzsche
Camp Lu-Wix-E	Michael Basner
Parish Education	Madeline Blohm



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### FACEBOOK

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### NEWSLETTER

### Deadline:

Please submit all articles for the newsletter the 20<sup>th</sup>

Kinder Kare at St. John Lutheran would like the congregation to know there are openings for infants, toddlers and preschool children. This developmentally appropriate program provides meals/snacks that meet USDA standards; family support and trained staff in a family-friendly environment. During the school year, Kinder Kare is partnered with Head Start, providing a free preschool program for children 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2017

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