

# ST. JOHN AMELITH CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

## Church Important Dates - see calendar for details

1/6 - Epiphany of our Lord Church Council Meeting  
1/7 - Women's Bible Study resumes  
    No mid-week service this week.  
1/12 - Quilting resumes  
1/13 - Stewardship Meeting  
1/14 - Mid-week service and bible study resumes  
1/15 - Chicken BBQ Meeting  
1/19 - Office closed  
1/20 - Circuit Meeting at Faith Lutheran  
    LWML Meeting  
    Elder Meeting  
1/26 - Board of Ed Meeting  
1/27 - Table Talk



**St. John Amelith  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

January 11 & 25  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
Preschool - 4th Grade

Come and travel with us through the Bible and hear God's story about how much He loves us!

• Bible Lessons and Stories  
• Crafts and Games  
• Play and Sing

Where Kids Can Grow in Faith, Knowledge and Service

## Pre-confirmation class

Is your child too old for Sunday School and too young for confirmation classes? Then this is the class for them!

January Meeting Dates  
4, 11 & 25 @ 11am in the church basement

Online giving through our Vanco app is available by scanning this QR code



### From The Pastor's Desk

*“No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side,  
HE has made him known.”*

John 1:18

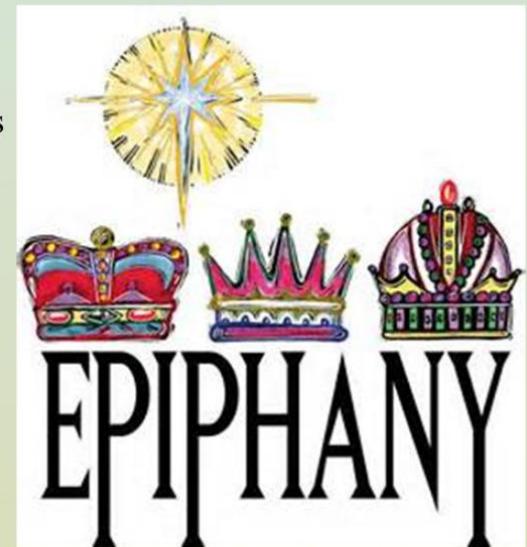
Christmas is far more than a single day just to pack everything away until next year. It is a “season” the Church celebrates that actually carries us into the new year. What God makes known by His birth from the Virgin Mary directs us to knowing Him. Without Christ, the Old Testament would remain a promise unfulfilled for humanity (Galatians 3:23). Without Jesus, darkness would rule the day having no light showing us the love of God (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Without the Son sent by the Father, God would be distant being unable to call upon Him as His children (1 John 1:3). The Christmas season gives us hope to enter a new year already knowing God is with us, Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Much thanks go out to those who helped St. John in 2025 and to those now answering the call to serve in 2026. There are plenty of things tend to, but the Lord will provide what will be best. While New Year’s resolutions focus on a person’s will, Jesus leads us into a new season to celebrate, The Epiphany of our Lord (Jan.-Feb.). It begins with the Wisemen at the manger and quickly moves to reveal the ministry of Jesus at work in the world. He is the Word made flesh and our New Year needs to hear like Martha, “... you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41-42).

Having confidence to hear and receive the good news made known by Christ is no trick or anything of convenience. It happens daily from our promise of baptism, weekly before His presence at the Divine service, and throughout our lives in all that we are left to do. There is even an Epiphany going out to others, since the body of Christ is a witness of Him together or apart. St. Paul tells us, “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...” (Romans 12:6). Bigger than a man-centered community is what comes from and remains in Jesus Christ. Epiphany reveals Jesus changing lives for He is God in the flesh for us men and our salvation. Such a community centered on Christ continues to call out to all who have ears to hear the Gospel. It is not a choice or sales pitch, but a work of the Spirit coming from Jesus’ Word and Sacraments. This new year is a gift and to be blessing for our lives with faith in God and with love for each other, as God loves us.

The Light of Christ be with you all,



Pastor Jerry Gauthier

## READ THE BIBLE 2026!

While we have family devotion to use in the back of the bulletin each week, your personal devotion is another way to be rooted in God's Word.

### Tips on Reading the Bible Daily

1. Start reading the Bible today or listening to it daily using an app.
2. Set aside a specific time each day to fit your schedule and then stick to it.
3. A devotional pattern when reading the Bible alone.
  - I. Pray acknowledging the Word as a gift.
  - II. Try reading the text aloud.
  - III. Identify Law and Gospel.
  - IV. Ask: *What does this say about Christ?*
  - V. Trust the Word not a feeling or other aspect.
  - VI. Close with prayer or a hymn verse.
4. Take heart! It is not a competition and if you cannot finish in a year. Keep growing with the Lord at your own pace He is faithful!

**REMEMBER:** *Personal reading does not replace receiving Word and Sacrament as God delivers His grace to all the baptism that has made us one body in Christ!*

### Weeks 1–4: Creation, Fall, Promise

**Week 1:** Genesis 1–3 · Psalm 8 · John 1:1–18 · Romans 1

**Week 2:** Genesis 4–11 · Psalm 19 · John 1:19–51 · Romans 2

**Week 3:** Genesis 12–17 · Psalm 105 · John 2–3 · Romans 3

**Week 4:** Genesis 18–22 · Psalm 34 · John 4 · Romans 4

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### Weeks 5–8: Patriarchs & Promise

**Week 5:** Genesis 23–28 · Psalm 121 · John 5 · Romans 5

**Week 6:** Genesis 29–35 · Psalm 23 · John 6 · Romans 6

**Week 7:** Genesis 36–41 · Psalm 27 · John 7 · Romans 7

**Week 8:** Genesis 42–50 · Psalm 130 · John 8 · Romans 8

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### Weeks 9–12: Exodus & Redemption

**Week 9:** Exodus 1–6 · Psalm 136 · John 9 · Romans 9

**Week 10:** Exodus 7–13 · Psalm 78:1–39 · John 10 · Romans 10

**Week 11:** Exodus 14–20 · Psalm 77 · John 11 · Romans 11

**Week 12:** Exodus 21–24; 32–34 · Psalm 103 · John 12 · Romans 12

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### Weeks 13–16: Law, Worship, Holiness

**Week 13:** Leviticus 16–19 · Psalm 51 · John 13 · Romans 13

**Week 14:** Numbers 11–14; 21 · Psalm 90 · John 14 · Romans 14

**Week 15:** Numbers 22–24; Deuteronomy 6 · Psalm 67 · John 15 · Romans 15

**Week 16:** Deuteronomy 8; 30–34 · Psalm 1 · John 16 · Romans 16

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### Weeks 17–20: Into the Land

**Week 17:** Joshua 1–6 · Psalm 24 · John 17 · 1 Corinthians 1

**Week 18:** Joshua 7; 23–24 · Psalm 15 · John 18 · 1 Corinthians 2

**Week 19:** Judges 2–7 · Psalm 44 · John 19 · 1 Corinthians 3

**Week 20:** Judges 13–16 · Psalm 20 · John 20 · 1 Corinthians 4

## **Weeks 21–24: Kings & the Need for a King**

**Week 21:** Ruth; 1 Samuel 1–3 · Psalm 113 · John 21 · 1 Corinthians 5

**Week 22:** 1 Samuel 8–10; 16–17 · Psalm 89 · Matthew 1 · 1 Corinthians 6

**Week 23:** 2 Samuel 5–7; 11–12 · Psalm 32 · Matthew 2 · 1 Corinthians 7

**Week 24:** 1 Kings 3; 8–9 · Psalm 72 · Matthew 3 · 1 Corinthians 8

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## **Weeks 25–28: Wisdom & Decline**

**Week 25:** 1 Kings 11–12 · Psalm 127 · Matthew 4 · 1 Corinthians 9

**Week 26:** Proverbs 1–4 · Psalm 119:1–24 · Matthew 5 · 1 Corinthians 10

**Week 27:** Proverbs 8; 9; Ecclesiastes 1–3 · Psalm 73 · Matthew 6 · 1 Corinthians 11

**Week 28:** Ecclesiastes 11–12; Song of Solomon 2 · Psalm 45 · Matthew 7 · 1 Corinthians 12

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## **Weeks 29–32: Prophets & Promise of Restoration**

**Week 29:** Isaiah 1–6 · Psalm 2 · Matthew 8 · 1 Corinthians 13

**Week 30:** Isaiah 7; 9; 11 · Psalm 96 · Matthew 9 · 1 Corinthians 14

**Week 31:** Isaiah 40–43 · Psalm 98 · Matthew 10 · 1 Corinthians 15

**Week 32:** Isaiah 52–53 · Psalm 22 · Matthew 11 · 1 Corinthians 16

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## **Weeks 33–36: Exile & Return**

**Week 33:** Jeremiah 31; Lamentations 3 · Psalm 126 · Matthew 12 · 2 Corinthians 1

**Week 34:** Ezekiel 18; 34; 37 · Psalm 80 · Matthew 13 · 2 Corinthians 2

**Week 35:** Daniel 3; 6; 7 · Psalm 93 · Matthew 14 · 2 Corinthians 3

**Week 36:** Ezra 1–3; Nehemiah 8–9 · Psalm 84 · Matthew 15 · 2 Corinthians 4

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## **Weeks 37–40: The Kingdom Comes Near**

**Week 37:** Micah 5; Zechariah 9 · Psalm 110 · Matthew 16 · 2 Corinthians 5

**Week 38:** Malachi 3–4 · Psalm 148 · Matthew 17 · 2 Corinthians 6

**Week 39:** Matthew 18 · Psalm 18 · Matthew 18 · 2 Corinthians 7

**Week 40:** Matthew 19–20 · Psalm 37 · Matthew 19 · 2 Corinthians 8

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## **Weeks 41–44: The Cross & Resurrection**

**Week 41:** Matthew 21–23 · Psalm 118 · Matthew 21 · 2 Corinthians 9

**Week 42:** Matthew 24–25 · Psalm 46 · Matthew 24 · 2 Corinthians 10

**Week 43:** Matthew 26 · Psalm 31 · Matthew 26 · 2 Corinthians 11

**Week 44:** Matthew 27–28 · Psalm 16 · Matthew 28 · 2 Corinthians 12

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## **Weeks 45–48: The Church Is Born**

**Week 45:** Acts 1–2 · Psalm 133 · Luke 1 · 2 Corinthians 13

**Week 46:** Acts 3–5 · Psalm 67 · Luke 2 · Galatians 1

**Week 47:** Acts 6–9 · Psalm 97 · Luke 3 · Galatians 2

**Week 48:** Acts 10–13 · Psalm 117 · Luke 4 · Galatians 3

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## **Weeks 49–52: Living as Christ's People**

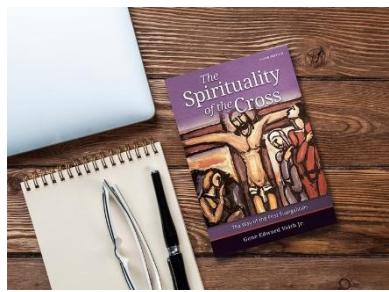
**Week 49:** Acts 14–16 · Psalm 121 · Luke 10 · Galatians 4

**Week 50:** Acts 17–20 · Psalm 146 · Luke 15 · Galatians 5

**Week 51:** Acts 21–23; 27 · Psalm 107 · Luke 22 · Galatians 6

**Week 52:** Revelation 1; 5; 21–22 · Psalm 150 · Luke 24 · Ephesians 1

# Enrollment Now Open for CrossPointe Center for the Trade



By [Rev. Dr. Scott Yakimow](#) • December 11, 2025

CrossPointe Center for the Trades is a Christian vocational school developed in partnership

with the Southeast Michigan Construction Academy (SEMCA) in Sterling Heights. Through this collaboration, students receive hands-on instruction in high-demand construction trades while being intentionally formed in God's Word and in Christlike service to their neighbors.

The Michigan District envisions CrossPointe as a place where congregations can encourage youth and adults who are gifted with "hands-on" skills to see the trades as a God-pleasing vocation through which they serve both church and community.

Two trade pathways are currently available: a four-year Electrical program and a one-semester Introduction to Construction course. Tuition is \$2,750 for the first semester (including books) and \$2,250 for subsequent semesters, with scholarships available to help keep the program accessible. The CrossPointe curriculum is certified by the Michigan District as Lutheran in theology and practice, ensuring that every aspect of the program flows from a Christ-centered understanding of work, vocation, and discipleship.

CrossPointe is one more way the Michigan District seeks to support congregations as they walk with young people discerning their future. Some students will go on to be pastors, teachers, or church workers; others will be electricians, project managers, or business owners. All are called to bear witness to Christ in their daily work. Please join us in praying that the Lord of the Church would bless this new venture, raise up many students, and use CrossPointe Center for the Trades to send out faithful, skilled servants for years to come.

Congregations, school leaders, parents, and potential students are invited to pray for this new ministry and to help spread the word.

About the Author- Rev. Dr. Scott Yakimow is the Director of Mission Development for the Michigan District, LCMS

## Why the Cross Is Central to Christian Spirituality

December 8, 2025

Phil Rigdon

*A better term for "Lutheran" spirituality is "evangelical" spirituality. The term evangelical is simply a term derived from the Greek word for "Gospel," which in turn literally means "good news." To be "evangelical" means focusing on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News that Christ, through His death and resurrection, has won forgiveness for sinful human beings and offers salvation as a free gift.*

This profound statement is from Dr. Gene Edward Veith's book *The Spirituality of the Cross*. After reading this book, I've collected some of my own reflections on this best-selling work. Come along as we trace Christian spirituality outside of ourselves and to the cross of Jesus Christ.

### The Cross of Jesus as the Eternal Foundation

Dr. Veith leads us back to what is both foundational and eternal: the cross of Jesus Christ. This blessed truth, which informs and runs through every aspect of Christianity, must be the North Star of all that Christians preach, teach, and confess. The author presents the Lutheran distinctiveness of the centrality of the cross through seven treatments of the Christian faith, most notably justification, Christology, and the concluding chapter on worshiping God.

Veith writes, Instead of insisting that human beings attain perfection, Lutheran spirituality begins by facing up to imperfection.

To be Lutheran is to be biblical, and the Bible teaches that since the fall, humanity is not merely damaged but destroyed. Consequently, God's goal is not to encourage men to fix themselves but rather to re-create us from the ground up. Recognizing and confessing this reality is contrary to much of Protestantism, which teaches that human beings still possess a degree of the righteousness with which God imbued us at creation—that sinners can want to know, and to love, and to choose the one true God. God's Word informs us of quite the opposite. We are conceived spiritually blind. Dead. Enemies of God. Without the work of the Holy Spirit, we cannot choose, love, or even want to know the true God. He must remedy our sorry state at His own expense. He chooses us.

Relatedly, Veith writes, The spiritual life has to do with recognizing God's work—what He accomplished on the cross and what He continues to accomplish in our lives.

This notion is frustratingly contrary to our nature. Even as Christians, our nature wants to do something, to play some part. There are two salient reasons for this. First, playing a part in our own spirituality would provide a sense of control. One might think if we have something to do with it, we can be sure it won't fail. This feverish desire for control comes from a lack of faith in God. Second, taking part in one's spirituality soothes the tender ego. If God is categorically responsible, when do I get credit? The reality is beautiful but can be challenging to accept.

Growing spiritually means having a fuller understanding and appreciation for what God has done. Even this understanding and appreciation come from God.

### **Christ Who Took on Human Flesh**

As Veith stresses the centrality of the cross, he discusses the importance of a proper understanding of Christology (in other words, who is Christ?). He writes, Luther stressed that the reason God became incarnate in Christ is that is the *only* way that we radically limited mortals can know Him. We dare not presume to come to conclusions about God and His disposition toward us except through Jesus Christ.

This makes sense. Imagine drawing such conclusions merely from creation. One might argue that nature proves God is beautiful: Parents are loving toward their children; enemies forgive one another. Yet what would we make of animals eating each other, murder, war, natural disasters, injustice, and the like? God would seem indeed terrifying. With Christ, we see humanity as God intended, the grace of God, and God's overwhelming love for His creation.

Recognizing Christ as fully both God and man has applications for the Christian life. Veith notes, Christ is present in the Sacrament by virtue of the Word of God—the Words of Institution, the Word made flesh, the Word of the Gospel—here presented in bread and wine.

Christ, the Son of God, took on human flesh, in part so that in the Lord's Supper, we could receive Him and thereby the benefits of what He has done on the cross. Christ tells us that the bread is His body and the wine His blood, joining Himself to these visible elements that we might consume Him. A second reason Christ took on human flesh is the very sacrifice on the cross itself. There are two ways we as Lutherans understand how God fixed humanity's sinful predicament at His own expense. First, since it was a human being who brought sin into the world, another human being would have to live a life without sin. This is Jesus Christ. In taking our

human flesh, Jesus lived the life we needed to live in our place. Second, to pay for our sins, a human being would have to suffer and die. Jesus, fully human, did this for us.

### **Receiving Christ in Worship**

Veith further elucidates the centrality of Christ in his treatment of worship:

The main order of worship that Lutherans follow is called the "Divine Service." It is called that not because in worship we are serving "the Divine," but because in worship "the Divine" is serving us.

This follows: Because God is the doer in our salvation, it makes sense that He would be so in worship as well.

When we stress how we worship and praise God, we place the emphasis on ourselves and give ourselves the credit for what is being done. In truth, however, the highest form of worship is to *receive* God's gifts. Specifically, to hear His Word in the readings, hymns, and sermon; to receive His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper; and to receive His Spirit in Holy Baptism.

There is so much more to Veith's book, but this brief reflection represents the fine work Dr. Veith has done in drawing the reader back to the center—Jesus Christ. The reader is led away from finding security and meaning in his own meager efforts, done with broken motives, and instead led toward the cross: God acting to reconcile sinners to Himself, and at His own expense.

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# ‘True unity’: Lutheran church bodies meet in Germany

[reporter.lcms.org/2025/true-unity-lutheran-church-bodies-meet-in-germany](http://reporter.lcms.org/2025/true-unity-lutheran-church-bodies-meet-in-germany)  
December 10, 2025



The International Church Relations Conference (ICRC) — an assembly of the confessional Lutheran church

bodies in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) — held its annual meeting Oct. 27–31 in Wittenberg, Germany. Attendees gathered for worship, teaching, dialogue and reflection under the theme of church body fellowship, centered around the verse, “That they may all be one ... in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me” (John 17:21).

Ninety bishops, presidents and other church leaders or their representatives from 41 church bodies across 90 countries attended this year’s ICRC. The LCMS currently maintains relations with 104 church bodies, including:

- 44 sister churches in altar and pulpit fellowship;
- 37 associate churches that are working toward altar and pulpit fellowship; and
- 23 other churches that meet with LCMS Church Relations for faithful ecumenism that clarifies doctrinal agreements and disagreements and makes joint statements that confess biblical truths to a secular world.

The ICRC gathered these churchmen from across the globe for a week of learning and discussion, as well as worship and ample time for fellowship in the form of shared meals and *Kaffee und Kuchen* — coffee and cake. Topics of discussion at the conference included unity in faith and confession, unity at the altar, and unity in the church working together.

Church leaders and pastors from around the world gave presentations, led reflections and celebrated a variety of worship services. Among them were the Rev. Charles Bameka, bishop of the Lutheran Church of Uganda, who led Vespers on the evening of Oct. 28, and the Rev. Dr. Gleisson R. Schmidt, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Synod of France, who gave the reflection following a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan E. Shaw, director of LCMS Church Relations.

Shaw spoke on “Holding to Christ’s Word Alone: Addressing the Fellowship Fiascos and Failures of Agreements, Associations and Offices.”

“The doctrine of fellowship is really pretty simple: The Word that creates saving faith is the same Word that unites the faithful,” says Shaw, whose essay explored what creates church body fellowship and what destroys it, in order to stir up love for the former and defense against the latter. “Sadly, many erring churches dismiss the authority of God’s inspired, inerrant Word and corrupt the doctrine and practice of church fellowship.

“They do this by adding to or subtracting from the Word of God and requiring other principles for church unity, such as reconciled diversity, doctrinal convergence, episcopal polity, Gospel reductionism, social justice, gender redefinition and diversity-equity-inclusion. That is what the second half of the essay is about. False ecumenism replaces divine doctrine with human principles. Our churches need to be on guard against such satanic deception. We hold to Christ and His Word alone for our salvation and our unity.”

Other representatives from the LCMS included the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Serina Jr., associate executive director of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations, who presented on triangular fellowship among church bodies, and the Rev. Michael N. Frese, LCMS Church Relations deputy director. In “Confessional Unity as the Basis for Church Body Fellowship,” Frese stressed the importance of viewing church body fellowship as being about more than agreement on a minimum number of doctrines, but rather “agreement in the Gospel in all its articles.”

In an interview, Frese explained, “True unity is not something we negotiate — it is something Christ gives through His Word, and we confess it together.” He added, “The talk helped many leaders by giving a clear, positive rationale for how we seek unity: We gladly partner and pursue fellowship, but only on the foundation Christ gives through His Word and [as] confessed in the Lutheran Confessions. Several presidents and bishops said the presentation provided welcome clarity amid pressures to settle for ‘lowest-common-denominator’ cooperation.”

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of the LCMS, was celebrant and homilist for the Festival of the Reformation Divine Service at the Chapel of the Old Latin School (OLS), a Reformation-era confessional Lutheran school that is now the hub for the LCMS’ confessional Lutheran studies, conferences, retreats and Gospel outreach in Wittenberg. The OLS sits

immediately next to St. Mary's Church, the church in which Martin Luther preached in addition to his duties as a university professor.

Harrison preached that, while the Reformation has been understood in ways valorizing Luther as an individual hero, in nationalistic ways about the formation of Germany as a nation-state, and in cultural-historical ways stressing a turning point against absolute authorities, it is ultimately a moment in church history, a theological event. The Reformation "affected many other things, but it was the event of a troubled conscience coming to realize that his salvation was absolutely outside of himself, caused by God, and a gift; and that soothed his conscience."

Harrison continued: "Whether a conscience numbed into nihilism or sinning and spinning and agitated confusion, the Word of God stops the death spiral, and it says, 'Every mouth be stopped.' It is the end of self-justification, which is the most frequent habit of every single human being. ... 'The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe' [Romans 3:22]. Believe it, and it's yours. Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe He has taken upon Himself all of your sins, has forgiven all your sins? He's yours. Believe it. It's all yours.

There's no distinction, no difference, no racial preference, no cultural criterion, no class distinction, no geographic difference, no IQ requirement, no human qualification, no human quality, no human quantity — for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All. And all are justified by His grace as a gift. It's free. It's yours. I tell you right now, it's yours."



## Orphan Grain Train--Michigan Mercy Meals Prospects



Please join your prayers with ours to our gracious Lord regarding one last critical factor in our Mercy Meals initiative. In every other respect we are 100% ready to go-- poised on the doorstep of launching. There is but one aspect to navigate: Michigan health compliance.

Orphan Grain Train will only proceed with complete transparency and integrity. We are aware state or local regulations may be applicable. We are working to understand which and to act in accordance with such protocols.

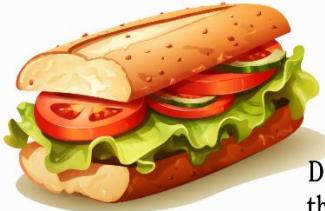
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City is poised to be our pilot location. God-willing a date for a first packing event will be set. Meanwhile, we are tremendously grateful for the attention, encouragement, and enthusiasm already given by pastors and congregations open to being engaged with Mercy Meals.

# Superbowl Sub Sale

Sunday, February 8th

Pick up subs in the school 10:45am-12pm  
All proceeds benefit the 7th-12th grade  
SJA youth group!

\$6 per sub  
or  
4 for \$20



Don't forget to shop  
the Snack/Bake sale  
going on too!

#### **Choose from:**

Ham, Turkey, Italian,  
Ham and Turkey combo

#### **Cheese choices:**

American, provolone or swiss

#### **Toppings available:**

Lettuce, tomato, onion,  
green pepper, and pickles.

Mustard and Mayo on the side.

**Orders need to be placed by February 1st.**

**Payment due at time of order. Please give orders and  
payment to Deb Hutter or put in Deb's church mailbox.  
Please fill one order form for each sandwich you would  
like to order. Order forms are on the back.**

# Superbowl Sub Sale Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* 8 inch subs are \$6 each or 4 for \$20 \*\***

**Please fill out one order form for each sub**

**Payment due at the time of order.**

#### Step 1: Pick your meat

Ham  Turkey  Italian

Ham/Turkey combo

#### Step 2: Pick your cheese

American  Provolone  Swiss

#### Step 3: Pick your toppings

Lettuce  Tomato

Onion  Green Pepper  Pickles  
Mustard and Mayo packets  
will be included with each sub

Thank you for supporting SJA Youth!

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## School Important Dates

- 1/5 - School Resumes
- 1/19 - No School - Teacher PD
- 1/23 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 1/25-2/1 - Lutheran Schools Week
- 2/1 - Pancake Breakfast and kids sing in church
- 2/3 - No School

## Chapel Service

Every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Chapel  
Offering

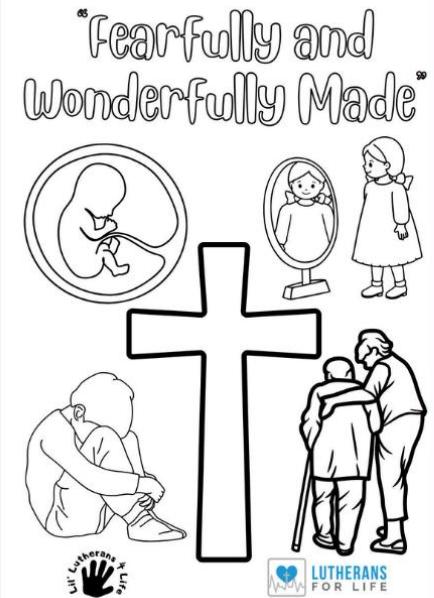
*We have reached our goal of raising \$300 or 60 books being sent to Africa! Thank you to all of our families for helping your kids support this wonderful mission!*

*We are going to celebrate on January 9<sup>th</sup> with a pajama day!*

Happy January from Mrs. Molly!  
January is one of my favorite months! It is the calm after the hustle Christmas, the excitement of the new year, the arrival of my garden seed catalogs and a month of many birthdays for our family. We have 10 to celebrate between friends, family and myself; that is a lot of fun for one month! :)

Mrs. Molly

**OUR NEXT CHAPEL MISSION IS TO SUPPORT LUTHERAN FOR LIFE**



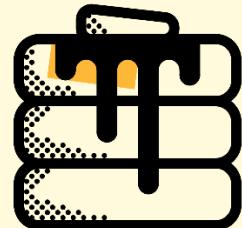
St. John Amelith Church and School

## Breakfast & Traveling Auction

EDUCATION SUNDAY

11am

February 1st



Pull up a seat and grab your syrup because it's breakfast time! We will have pancakes, sausage and Amelith's famous breakfast bake. Come celebrate the end of Lutheran Schools Week and support the school with the start of our traveling auction! The traveling auction will start today and wrap up at the Chicken BBQ on Feb 16!

Let's Make a Joyful Noise **PSALM 98:4**

**National Lutheran Schools Week**  
**January 25-February 1**



## Bright start for kids. Brighter future for Michigan.

Enrollment is open to all families, regardless of income.

Students must turn 4 by December 1st to be eligible.

### Openings available at the following locations!

#### BAY COUNTY

##### Bay City

- Bay Co. Child & Senior Citizen Center
- Dow Bay Area Family YMCA
- All Saints Central
- Washington Elementary
- Kolb Elementary
- Zion Lutheran School
- St. John Amelith School
- McAlear-Sawden Elementary
- Kids University (Auburn)
- Trinity Lutheran - Monitor
- Lindsay Elementary

##### Bangor Township

- Bangor North
- Faith Lutheran School
- KinderKare (Thomas St)

##### Essexville

- Verellen Elementary
- Center Plaza

##### ARENAC COUNTY

- Au Gres-Sims Elementary



Funding from the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential supports the implementation of Great Start



#### NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

Lindsay Rivard | preschool@baisd.net | (989) 667-3209  
[www.BayArenacPreschool.com](http://www.BayArenacPreschool.com)



St. John Amelith Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP) has openings!

We recently received 6 additional openings for our FREE 4yr old preschool! Once the child turns 4 yrs old, they are eligible to join our classroom!

Please share with anyone you know! Scan the link on the flyer, find it on our website or have them call the office.

Now taking reservations for our summer day camp! We are more than just day care; your student will do learning activities to keep them on track over the summer, adventure around the church/school campus and get the chance to spend summer days with other kids when they spend the day with us. Spread the word and sign up now!

**St. John Amelith  
Presents**

**6:30am -6pm**

**Amelith Adventure Camp**

**\$35 a day  
\$150 a week**

6:30am - 9am Early Care  
9am - 3pm Camp Adventure  
3pm - 6pm Extended Care

Accepting Adventurers in grades 3yr old Preschool - 4th Grade

STEM Exploration  
Arts & Crafts  
Children's Theatre  
Indoor/Outdoor Exploration  
Religious Study  
Devotions & Reflection  
Movement & Yoga  
and Field Experiences

Teaching and CPR Certified Staff

June 15 thru August 14

Closed for deep cleaning June 29-July 3

Campers can come all day or part of the day  
snacks provided

For More Information or to sign up Contact us!

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# January Prayer Calendar

Every day, let us include the person/position/event mentioned in our prayers. You can pray for them, the job they do, those who receive or in whatever way you are led.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> January Birthdays					<b>2</b> January Anniversaries	<b>3</b> January Altar Guild Servers
<b>4</b> Confirmation	<b>5</b> Table Talk	<b>6</b> Council Members	<b>7</b> Bible Study	<b>8</b> SJA Teachers	<b>9</b> SJA Students	<b>10</b> SJA Parents
<b>11</b> Sunday School	<b>12</b> Quilters	<b>13</b> Stewardship Committee	<b>14</b> Youth Group	<b>15</b> BBQ Volunteers	<b>16</b> Finance Team	<b>17</b> Outreach
<b>18</b> Pre-confirmation	<b>19</b> Elders	<b>20</b> LWML	<b>21</b> School Janitors	<b>22</b> Trustees	<b>23</b> Endowment Fund Committee	<b>24</b> Cemetery Crew
<b>25</b> Lutheran Schools Week	<b>26</b> Board of Ed	<b>27</b> Funeral Luncheon	<b>28</b> Volunteers	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study Group	<b>30</b> Pastor	<b>31</b> Church Mice