



Welcome
NEW MEMBERS

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Sarah Townsend

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

Romans 12:4-5

Sarah Townsend

Sarah becomes a member of St. John's as a transfer from St. Paul—Sanford after a recent move to Midland.

Sarah spent much of her life in Battle Creek where she was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran. It was there that she first joined the LWML, and she has enjoyed participating in the group at each congregation of which she has been a member. Sarah has attended seven national LWML conventions, everywhere from Minnesota to Iowa and even New Mexico! She has already become a member of the Lydia Guild here at St. John's and has enjoyed getting to know her sisters in Christ there.



Beeson Family

Becky started attending St. John's about a year ago, seeking a church family that could also provide a Christian education for her children Carissa, Sylvia, and Thaddeus. While Becky moved to Michigan ten years ago to work for Dow Corning, and although she grew up Lutheran, she had various weak excuses for not finding a new church.

A year and a half ago, Becky lost her husband to pancreatic cancer. Even during the hard and challenging treatment, Becky and her husband felt that God was with them. So, she knew that it was time to bring her kids to a church home and find out what new things God might have planned for them.

The kids are very busy right now, but Becky hopes to someday have more time for traveling, photography, astronomy, and crocheting.



Brad Burridge

Brad is a 39 year old father of two: Aidan and Jack, 16 and 13. He was born in Rochester, Michigan and was baptized at St. John's Lutheran there. When he was eight, Brad's family moved to Midland.

Brad graduated from Midland Public Schools and now works for Fisher Contracting.



Alan and Shari Foster

Alan and Shari join St. John's as transfer members from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Midland. They were both born and raised in Sanford, but have lived in Midland for their adult lives. Al and Shari were married 18 years ago. They are very blessed to have grown closer to Christ in their married lives like iron sharpening iron.

Al is retired from a career in printing where he worked for the Midland Daily News. Since they both love adventure, Al and Shari decided to start driving truck together when Al retired as a way to "get paid to travel!" They would alternate driving as they made their way across

Bill & Cynthia Schuette



St. John's Lutheran Church is a home-coming for the Schuettes. Cynthia's parents, Kassie and Carl Grebe worshipped here

along with Cynthia and her four siblings. Cynthia worked in TV and radio broadcasting for many years. Bill has a career in public service.

Cynthia and Bill have two grown children. Heidi Cathrin Schuette Sherry, recently married in August of 2023, works and lives in Chicago. Son Bill G. Schuette is a member of the Michigan Legislature and resides in Midland. Both children attended St. John's Lutheran pre-school! Bill attended Boy Scout meetings at this church decades ago. Welcome Home indeed.

Rick & Kelly Robinson

Rick and Kelly both served in the United States Navy. Rick retired after 20 years, (January 1979 through August 1999), while Kelly was active duty for 18 months from 1980-81.

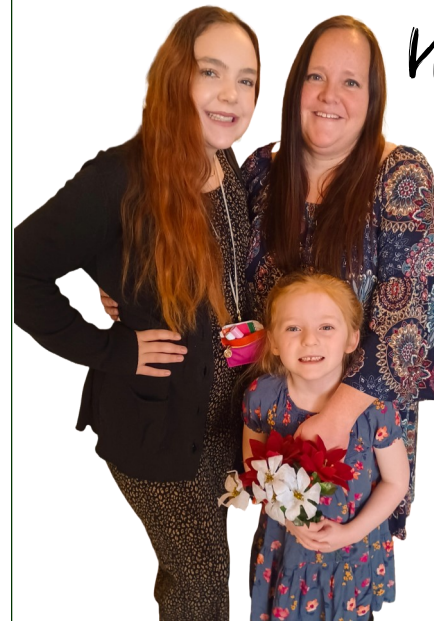


After serving, they both became caregivers in their hometown of Midland. They met at the Arnold Center in 1994, then later during the Special Olympics in 2005. They began dating and were married in December of 2005. Rick and Kelly have three adult children: Eric, Molly, and Donald.

Kelly was baptized at St. John's as an infant and returned with Rick within the last year after seeking a church with more structure and hymns. They were thankful to be welcomed warmly by Pastor Kempin and the congregation. Rick and Kelly look forward to how God will lead them to get more involved!

the country. They visited every state and especially enjoyed trying all kinds of new foods.

Al and Shari now enjoy camping, fishing, and spending time with family, friends, and their two schnauzers. They have two grown children: Matthew and Mykayla. They are thankful to be at St. John's and look forward to continued participation in the Bible study groups they have recently joined.



Harmon Family

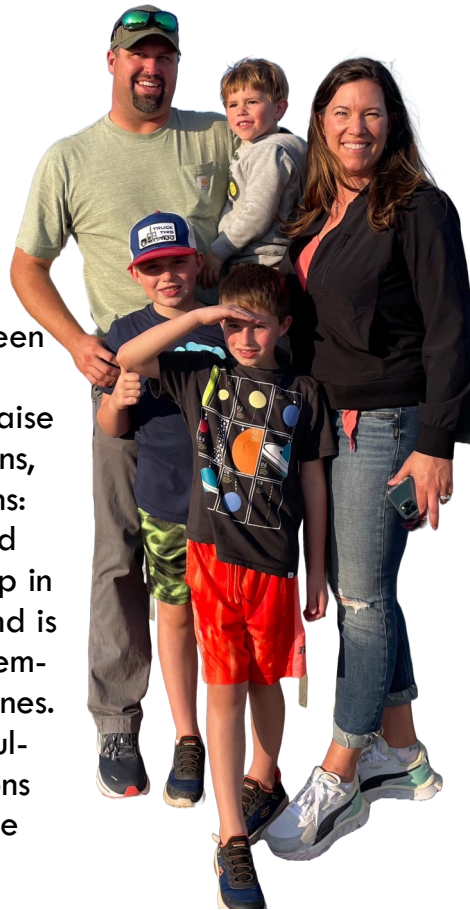
Mary is originally from Bay City, but has lived in Midland for the last 23 years. She has two daughters: Isabella and Kenna. Isabella is a junior at Dow High and Kenna is in pre-school here at St. John's.

They enjoyed the school and staff of St. John's so much that they decided to start attending worship services last year. Mary especially loves the music at the 10:45am services and wonderful sermons. The Harmon Family is thankful to have found such a welcoming church home!

Maxwell Family

Peter and Allyson have been married for 12 years and farm in Beaverton. They raise sugar beets, corn, soybeans, wheat, and their three sons: Mason (10), Calvin (8) and Boone (3). Allyson grew up in Overland Park, Kansas and is the daughter of church members Alan and Darlene Jones. She left a career in agriculture to raise their three sons and to be a partner on the farm.

Peter is the son of Clay and Linda Maxwell and grew up in Beaverton on a 4th generation row crop farm that also raises cattle, pumpkins, sweet corn, squash and opens during the month of October as Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm. After graduating from Albion College, Peter came back to Beaverton and has been farming ever since. He also sells sugar beet seed for American Crystal Hybrids.



Growing up, Allyson was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City. Peter grew up attending the Community of Christ Church in Beaverton and was baptized there.

Peter and Allyson enjoy spending time with their family, watching football, and traveling here and abroad. They also enjoy serving on various boards in the agriculture industry, and are looking forward to being a part of the church family at St. Johns.

Susan Roberts

Susan was born in Flint, but has lived in Midland for most of her life. She works in home health care. When she is not working, Susan enjoys cooking, watching Netflix, spending time with friends, and sending cards.

Susan began attending Saturday evening worship services about a year and a half ago, and she decided to officially become a member by attending membership classes. She enjoys St. John's and looks forward to being actively involved in the missions and ministries here.