



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church December Newsletter

December 2017



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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays:

8:00 am Divine Service  
9:30 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Divine Service

### Address Updates:

Help us keep our files up-to-date. E-mail:  
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### Special points of interest:

- December Birthday's
- Monthly Calendar
- Worship Assistant Schedules and Those who Serve
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Misc. Information about our church and events



### Please remember...

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, it is up to YOU to find someone who will take over for you.

## New Pastor, Same Jesus, Thanks Be to God!

*"The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."* These words from the elder speaking to Saint John in Revelation 7 were the basis of my final sermon to the saints of God in Readlyn and Klinger, Iowa. The heavenly truth of this proclamation comforted me then as I said goodbye to sheep that are in His care.



These same words give me confidence and excitement as I begin my time with you. As Pastor Briel faithfully preached at my installation- this is Jesus' flock! If you were unable to attend the installation I implore you to listen to that proclamation of the Gospel on our church's website. Your Pastor Briel faithfully and fully preached the Gospel as he has done for over thirty years. For that you are blessed and have been spoiled with phenomenal earthly shepherds the likes of which are not often seen in these gray and latter days.

While the quality of care and preaching and teaching you have received leaves humungous shoes to fill *in an earthly sense*, the reason this novice can enter into such a calling with excitement and confidence rather than trepidation and anxiety is exactly that proclamation of the elder who spoke to Saint John, the same proclamation heard by those of us who listened as Pastor Briel preached. Jesus, the lamb who was slain, yet now who lives and reigns to all eternity, He will shepherd His flock. Those in heavenly rest are shepherded with His tender comfort and the "springs of living water". They see Him face to face as He wipes the tears from their eyes.

We who fight on in the Church Militant are no less shepherded by Him, however! We are simply shepherded differently based on the fields we occupy. They who have passed on are resting from their labors, but we who labor still have Him as our shepherd, our guardian, and our friend. He guides

Pastor Moss's article continued:

us through this battle with His Word of Truth and Life. We, as His sheep, will listen to His voice and not another's; and we will follow where He guides.

While guiding with His Word this Shepherd, the Lamb of God, also comforts with His Holy Spirit, the *Comforter*. That Spirit given to you in your baptism has made you God's own child. He teaches you that Word of Life, guides you in repentant response to the Law and in joyful acceptance of the Gospel. The faith that Spirit creates and sustains clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in Him unceasing. THAT is comfort for whatever trials, fears, or needs come our way.

This same Spirit, the Spirit of our God, the Comforter sent by the Lamb who is our heavenly Shepherd, He unites us in the One holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. He keeps us in the fellowship of this altar at which we receive our Lord Jesus' own body and blood. So there is no reason to fear! There is no reason for me to fear as I begin my time with you. And there is no reason for you to fear as you receive and learn about your new pastor, because it's Jesus' flock!

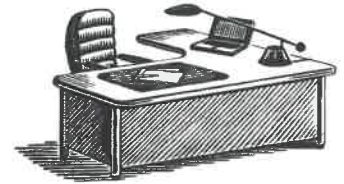
Oh, certainly things will be strange and different for awhile- as much for you as for me and my dear Katie. But when the Lamb in the midst of the throne shepherds His flock on earth with His Word and Spirit we have every reason to drive away all fear and dread, and instead be filled with boldness, anticipation, and joy!

God be with you as we begin a new church year and a new relationship as preacher and hearers.

~Pr. Moss



## PRINCIPAL AND ADMISSIONS & COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Highlights this past month...

- We welcomed Pastor Moss to our school! We appreciate that he visited every classroom during his first week introducing himself, meeting the students, and starting to teach about Jesus. We are thankful and blessed that God has given us a new, faithful pastor.
- We welcomed two new students to St. John's for this 2017/18 school year -- a Pre-Kindergartener and 8<sup>th</sup> grader. This brings our enrollment to 172 students, serving 109 families.
- New enrollment for 2018/19 is underway, and we already have two new Kindergartens signed up.
- We held many special events, and each was a success. A special note of thanks to all the volunteers who made these events possible!
  - \* German Dinner, a major fundraiser for the Washington DC trip, on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – 240+ people attended, including many community members.
  - \* Grandparents' Day on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – 170+ grandparents/special friends attended. We thank Professor Mark Rosenwinkel (from Concordia University in St. Paul) for entertaining us with his Luther Monologue and Pastor Kyle Krueger (from Glory of Christ) for educating us with a Reformation true/false activity.
  - \* Gala on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> -- 240 generous people attended raising funds for tuition assistance and technology improvements. Fundraising results are coming soon.
  - \* Installation service and program for Pastor Moss on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> -- wonderful to see so many school families in attendance.
  - \* Thanksgiving Programs for Pre-K and 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – many families attended.
  - \* Small Business Day on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – 51 student entrepreneurs participated.
- The entire faculty attended the Lutheran Education Conference in Mankato on Oct 19th.
- Accreditation work continues for the faculty and we are moving into action plans.
- Basketball season started for both boys and girls in grades 4-8.
- We implemented the MAPS standardized testing program and will be sharing results with families soon. As anticipated, our students have done well above average.
- We joined the I-94 West Chamber of Commerce as a way to network with community leaders and be aware of all community happenings.



Looking ahead to next month...

- Pastor Moss will be taking over 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechism class.
- Making many preparations for Christmas celebrations, including our Christmas concert on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and 7pm.
- Working to refresh the school website with new lifestyle photography and updated content.
- Watch for St. John's School ads on Facebook, in Maple Grove Magazine, and in Maple Grove High School Hockey program in December.

We want you (as church members) to stay informed about all the wonderful things happening at our school! Here are two ways to find information:

- Read the Eagle Connection all-school weekly newsletter. This can be found on the website [www.stjlutheranschool.org](http://www.stjlutheranschool.org) and printed copies are available outside the sanctuary and at the secretary's desk.
- Follow us on Facebook for daily posts: <https://www.facebook.com/stjeagles/>.

In His Service,

Gary L. Volberding, Principal and Suzanne Haag, Admissions & Communication Director



**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Council of Deacons Meeting Minutes-October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Deacon meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Christopher at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Briel opened the meeting with a study from The Constitution and By-Laws of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School and prayed the Collect for the 18<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost.

**In attendance:** Greg Christopher, Peter MacMillan, Phil Koehler, Steve Kruse, Scott Kulberg, Kevin Pomerence, D.J. Schilling,

Dan Kappel, Pr. Briel, Pr. Johnson, David Huth, Ross Meyer, Stu Glock, Dan Holthus, Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer

**Deacon Minutes:**

- M/S/P to accept the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> Council of Deacons Meeting.

**Church Secretary:** Written report submitted.

**New Members:** Jason & Emily Priebe & family **M/S/P to approve new members.**

**Transfer Out:** Kenny & Kaylyn Kalk **M/S/P to approve transfer.**

**Released:** None

**Removed from Membership:** None.

**Death:** None.

**Marriage:** None.

**Baptisms:** 9/24/17-Piper Mae Peterson, daughter of Robert & Megan Peterson; public service, Pr. Briel presiding

10/01/17-Nia Dawn Bredenberg, daughter of Jacob & Katie Bredenberg; private service, Pr. Briel presiding

10/01/17- Regina Rose Thomford, daughter of Marcus & Riki Thomford; private service, Pr. Briel presiding

10/01/17- Louis James Thomford, son of Marcus & Riki Thomford; private service, Pr. Briel presiding

**Pastors Report:** Written report submitted.

- District Convention is June 21-23 2018.
- Celebration of the Lutheran Reformation at Concordia University in St. Paul on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Installation of Pr. Moss will be November 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Administration:** Written report submitted.

- Projected net deficit for the end of the 2017-18 budget is \$120,500.
- Compensation Committee should be selected and begin meeting to discuss the 2018-19 budget.

**Board of Stewardship/Evangelism/Worship & Alter Care:** Written report submitted.

- Volunteer Sunday will be Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Talent directory and picture directory will be in early 2018

**Board of Parish Education:** Written report submitted.

- Sunday school and Sunday youth group Bible study have begun, with slightly less attendance than last year.
- CPH's "Growing in Christ" curriculum will be used again this year for Sunday school.
- Youth group will attend the Minneapolis Higher things conference in summer 2018.

**Principal's Report:** Written report submitted.

- Accreditation work continues by the faculty and the BOE
- A new online academic assessment program known as MAPS will replace the ITBS testing that has been done for years.
- The first midterm of the year has been reached and parent/teacher conferences will be conducted Oct. 16 and 17.

**Board of Education:** Written report submitted.

- Staff policy proposals around Social Media and Technology use being considered.
- Administrator call committee will resume in October.
- Gary and Suzanne did significant work to combat afternoon bussing changes and minimizing impact to students.

**Board of Property & Grounds:** Written report submitted.

- Larry Dalchow volunteered his labor and equipment to trim trees around the facility.
- Repairs and maintenance continue to run above budgeted amount.

**Technology Board:** Written report submitted

- Shepard's Staff was updated.
- Discussed how to utilize funds from the Gala to update our technology needs.

**Congregational President Report:** Oral report.

- The call was formally extended to Pastor Moss on Septmeber 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. And the call was accepted on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Thank you to the Deacons and all the members that attended the fall congregation meeting.
- Spring congregational meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- All boards should review and update their section in the Deacon Handbook.

**M/S/P to accept the board reports as presented.**

**Old business:**

- Discuss the addition of an additional board to oversee all church fundraising activities that was brought forth by Kevin Pomeranke:

**New business:**

- New Deacon board selection. Open boards are: BOA two positions, Parish Ed., Property and Grounds, and Deacon Secretary.  
**Greg Christopher-Chairman, Dan Kappel-Secretary, Tom Eversman-BOA, Mike Gaffer-BOA  
Stu Glock-BOE, Dan Holtus-P&G, Parish Ed.-Open**
- Pastoral call update.  
Call committee to disband after Pr. Moss is installed.
- Nominations for Minnesota South District Offices.  
A list of names was provided for each of the offices. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the names on the list.**

**Resolutions:** None.

**M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction at 8:56 p.m.**

**Next meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Reports are due in the church office by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**St. John's Lutheran Church & School  
Financial Report  
October 2017**

**Endowment Fund**

<b>Endowment Fund Balance Beginning of Month</b>	<b>\$ 219,726.28</b>
<b><u>Income / Receipts:</u></b>	
Missions Offerings	\$ 3,698.53
Altar Guild	277.00
Elementary Scholarship Fund	38.00
Improvement Fund	560.00
Mercy Fund (f/k/a Kindness Fund)	100.00
Principal Paydown	662.50
Interest	124.09
<b><u>Disbursements:</u></b>	
Principal Paydown	(662.50)
<b>Endowment Fund Balance End of Month</b>	<b><u>\$ 224,523.90</u></b>

**Fund Balances:**

**Fund Purpose / Notes**

Altar Guild Fund	\$ 2,798.87	Fund administered by Altar Guild and used for altar paraments, communion ware, altar gowns and vestments and the like.
Confirmation Banquet	534.56	
Elementary (K-8) Scholarship Fund	76,491.81	Fund administered by Scholarship Fund Committee reporting to BOE. Used to grant needs-based tuition assistance to member families of St. John's Lutheran School.
Improvement Fund	8,213.32	Funds administered and approved by Board of Property & Grounds and used for capital improvements and major repairs of property and grounds (above \$500). Costs above \$2,500 also require Board of Deacons approval. Not to be used for smaller, normal operating repairs and maintenance expenses (i.e. those less than \$500), which should be paid for out of the General Fund.
Church Library Fund	4,453.71	Fund administered by Church Library Committee. Consists of designated memorial money to be used for the purchase of books, materials and software for the Church Library.
Memorial Fund	25,816.50	Fund administered by Board of Administration, funded by memorial contributions from individuals and estates and used for capital improvements and special purposes. Expenditures must be recommended by BOA for approval by Board of Deacons.
Mercy (f/k/a Kindness) Fund	6,446.71	Fund used for immediate emergency assistance to people in need. Administered by Marv Cummins and Gretchen Kliche.
Youth Fund	15,952.38	Fund administered by Youth Director(s). Fund consists of youth-sponsored fundraiser dollars allocated to individual youths and used to offset the costs of youth trips and events, which are not funded from the General Fund.
School Fund	75,174.32	Fund administered by BOE.
<b>Mission Programs-Undistributed Offerings:</b>		
Synod Missions	500.15	
Issues, Etc.	4,943.17	
Preus Mission	264.15	
Nigeria- Rev. Wokoma	2,779.63	
Japan - Jastram	154.60	
<b>Endowment Fund Balance End of Month</b>	<b><u>\$ 224,523.88</u></b>	

Note: Except where specified, all Endowment Fund expenditures > \$5,000 require Board of Deacons approval.

Mortgage balance as of October 31, 2017 = \$683,629.64



**ANNOUNCEMENTS ~**

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS:** The Book of Exodus has been called "the Old Testament of the Old Testament". It sets the stage for everything that comes after it! In it we hear of God's deliverance of His chosen people from slavery and death. Countless prophets and poets of the Old Testament look back to the events recorded in this book even as they look ahead to the coming of the Christ for the final deliverance from slavery *to sin* and Death. Join us in between services as we cull out the Charleton Heston version of Moses (and the Christian Bale version for more recent movie-goers) and learn about the real man, Moses, drawn up from a watery death in the Nile to lead God's people out of slavery and to the very land God promised to give to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank every one of you for your generosity, your support, and all the kindness you have shown us during this time of transition. Thank you to all who helped with the installation and the reception. What a wonderful celebration and an honor! Thank you to everyone who has helped with the multiple stages of our move and settling in. Studies say that starting new "jobs" and moving homes are both some of the most stressful things a family can go through. While this is no doubt true, your love and faithfulness has made this time so special and memorable. We cannot thank you enough, so we thank God for you and pray He returns these blessings to you individually and to St. John's as a whole.

Yours in Christ, ~ Pastor & Katie Moss

**CONTACT NUMBERS:** Pastor Moss' cell: 763-496-5350; Katie's cell: 763-496-5346 ...please feel free to contact Katie during the day while she is on "unpacking" duty!

**RECORDING OF INSTALLATION SERVICE:** A recording was made of the Installation service of Pastor Moss. If you would like a copy, please contact Ed Kemna 612-834-4485.

**MISSION:** See Pastor David Preus's Fall Newsletter on the narthex table for the latest updates. Remember also the Rev. Daniel Jastram and his wife Joan who have been deployed to Japan and the Rev. Charles Wokoma in Nigeria. Your regular financial gifts are desperately needed by these missionaries; with your prayers and financial gifts you take part in our Lord's great commission to make disciples of all nations.

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:** A celebration in honor of Pastor Briel is planned for January 7, 2018. Following second service there will be a dinner and program. For questions, contact Gretchen Kliche or any SEWAC Board member.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE:** Please note the start time change during Advent for the Wednesday night classes on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. Class will be held earlier these three evenings from 5:30-6:50 pm due to the Advent Service schedule on these nights.



**POINSETTIAS:** The Altar Guild will be providing an opportunity for members of St. John's to purchase a festive poinsettia for the holiday season. The poinsettia will be used to decorate the Church during the Christmas services, then can be picked-up and enjoyed by you at your home. If you wish to place an order, please fill out a Poinsettia order form that is available. Thank you for helping to beautify the church for our celebration of the birth of Jesus.

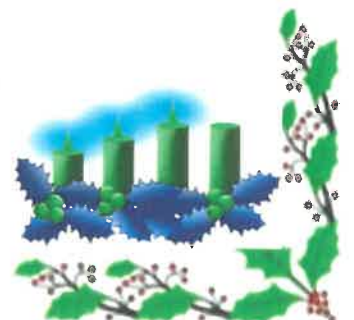
**MESSAGE OF CELEBRATION:** We have received a very nice letter of thanksgiving from The Lutheran Church of the Triune God in Brooklyn Center, expressing their joyfulness for our congregation's answered prayers in the installation of our new pastor, Rev. Matthew Moss; copies for review are available on the narthex table.

**FOURTH ANNUAL GALA:** A huge thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and volunteered in creating another successful evening of giving and dining held at Rush Creek on November 10th. Financials will be announced as soon as available.



**NIGERIAN MISSION:** Pr. Briel is planning to go to Nigeria this coming February to teach at the Lutheran seminary where Pr. Wokoma is headmaster and professor. He has been asked to teach elementary Hebrew (26 students) and the book of Genesis (8 students). He would appreciate any financial help that members can give which will be used for his travel expense (between \$1200 & \$1500) and for textbooks and other materials (perhaps some \$2000 which may include shipping) to be used in the classes he will be teaching. Any monies donated over and above his expenses will be donated to the seminary and Pr. Wokoma's work at the seminary. St. John's has a long-standing Nigerian Mission Fund in place, but for this purpose, the gift of a check should be made payable to St. John's, and designated "Briel Feb Trip" in the memo line. Thank you!!

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHT LUNCHEON:** St. John's Adults 50 & over are invited to an annual holiday celebration, "Waiting for Bethlehem's Light", presented by St. John's Jr. and Sr. Youth. Please join us for food, fellowship, carols, candlelight and cookies on Saturday, December 2nd from 11:30-1:00. Freewill offerings are appreciated.





† **HOLIDAY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS** †

<i>First Sunday in Advent Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, December 03</i>	<i>8 &amp; 10:30 am</i>
<i>Advent Midweek</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 06</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Advent Midweek</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 13</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>St. John's Lutheran School Christmas Concert</i>	<i>Friday, December 15</i>	<i>12:30 &amp; 7:00 pm</i>
<i>Divine Service, St. John's Sunday School Program</i>	<i>Sunday, December 17</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
<i>Advent Midweek</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 20</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Annual Christmas Caroling</i>	<i>Saturday, December 23</i>	<i>12:30 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Day Divine Service</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Readings and Carols</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>3:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Readings and Carols</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>5:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Day Divine Service~Celebrating the Feast of the Nativity</i>	<i>Monday, December 25</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Epiphany Divine Service</i>	<i>Saturday, January 06</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>

**CROSS...FOOD NEEDS:** Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of December are: Pasta (Spaghetti, Egg Noodles, Macaroni, etc.) and Laundry Detergent (16 oz. or smaller). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



**TENORS AND BASSES**, you are invited to join the North Star Choir Boys for their 3:00 concert December 17th here at St. John's. Tuesday rehearsals for the Hallelujah Chorus plus two other selections began November 21st, 7:45-9:00pm, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 10025 Ct. Rd. 101 (near Mama G's). Sing like a Vienna Choir Boy!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We need Head Counters and Money Counters!!!! It is a vital role in making sure the offerings are counted and deposited every Sunday. The rotation will be every 6-8 weeks. Money counting takes about 30 minutes each Sunday, and is done after the 2nd service. If you could, please take just a short time of your Sunday to help out. We are in the process of making the schedule for 2018, so if you are interested, please contact Mike McFerrin at [mike.mcferrin@aol.com](mailto:mike.mcferrin@aol.com) or Cindy Kiekow at [cak\\_woman79@hotmail.com](mailto:cak_woman79@hotmail.com). Thank you so much!



**Jr./Sr. High Youth**



**GET CONNECTED:** Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th in 6th-12th grade? Are you grade? If you answered

yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - [jayme.kruse@gmail.com](mailto:jayme.kruse@gmail.com) Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

**CHRISTMAS MEAL** for 50+: Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at St. John's, and Youth Christmas Party to follow from 1:00 to 3:00pm.



**SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S!** Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!





## Those Who Serve In December

### Altar Guild

Theresa Gaffer 763-494-3294  
Jill Gehl 612-203-9944



### Money Counters

- 12/03 Cindy Kiekow, Tim Lodholz  
**Mike McFerrin**, Bob Radintz
- 12/10 Randy Bredenberg, Scott Brockberg,  
**Dave Giefer**, Bill Walters
- 12/17 Courtney Oakland, Russ Reznecheck,  
**Craig Schutte**, Jack Wold
- 12/24 Mike DeSplinter, **Scott Kulberg**,  
Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte
- 12/31 Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,  
**Mike McFerrin**, Mark Radintz

### 8 am Ushers

Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo

### 10:30 am Ushers

Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer  
Danny Schilling, Wayne Schutte

### Acolytes 8:00 am

- 12/03 Faith Grant & Christian Burfeind
- 12/10 Mackenzie Coombs & Jada Clifford
- 12/17 Sam Say & Zach Kappel
- 12/31 Adam Kiesow & Ben Kiesow

### Acolytes 10:30 am

- 12/03 Nate Meist & Jake Meist
- 12/10 Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz
- 12/17 Jack Stoffels & Reece Fish
- 12/31 Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch

### Acolytes Special Service:

#### Wednesday (Advent) 7:00 pm

- 12/06 James Wicht & Matthew Koosman
- 12/13 Andrew Wandersee & Evan Pulju
- 12/20 Leah Gordon & Miranda Blanck

#### Sunday (Christmas Eve)

- 12/24 Adam Kiesow & Ben Kiesow **9:00 am**
- 12/24 Madelyn & Jacob Gangelhoff **3:00 pm**
- 12/24 Sam Brustuen & Naomi Schilling **5:00 pm**

#### Monday (Christmas Day) 10:00 am

- 12/25 Leah Gordon & Matthew Koosman

### Processionals

- 12/03 **1st Sun Advent 8:00 am:** Lucas Kiesow, Adam Kiesow, Ben Kiesow
- 12/03 **1st Sun Advent 10:30 am:** William Schutte, Donna Toelle, Eric Toelle
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve 3:00 pm:** Jasmine Brockberg, Alexis Brockberg
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve 5:00 pm:** Danny Schilling, Christina Kolstad
- 12/25 **Christmas Day 10:00 am:** Hannah Thurber, Alxa Zupfer, Joshua Pomerence



### Worship Assistants 8:00 am

- 12/03 Jerry Rogge
- 12/10 Tom Eversman
- 12/17 Greg Christopher
- 12/31 Jerry Rogge



### Worship Assistants 10:30 am

- 12/03 Todd Haag
- 12/10 Dean Noren
- 12/17 Dan Holthus
- 12/31 Ross Meyer

### Worship Assistants Special Service:

#### Wednesday (Advent) 7:00 pm

- 12/06 Kevin Pomerence
- 12/13 Dan Kolander
- 12/20 John Radintz

#### Sunday (Christmas Eve)

- 12/24 Eric Preus **9:00 am**
- 12/24 Ed Kemna **3:00 pm**
- 12/24 Barron Cate **5:00 pm**

#### Monday (Christmas Day)

- 12/25 Jack Wold **10:00 am**



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December



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Katy Briel Toya Fish Kaity Minnihan Judy Stromback	2 Ruby Batcha Jack Wicht IV
3 April Galle Faith Kruse Mark Pruhs	4 Ruth Droogma Jeremy Kappel Samuel Kulberg Ginny Malikowski	5 Paula Erickson Mark Joester	6 Adelyn Holovnia Christina Johnson Issiah Kliche Jellyn Wicht	7 Sophie Glock Lois Trebesch	8	9
10 Nathan Eversman Erika Rossow	11 Ryan Priebe Jordyn Stromback	12	13 Jacquelyn Burnes Jackie Bymark Bruce Hansen Ava Kanz Bella Kanz Andrew Rehmer	14 Rick Bymark Amy Dufault Brian Helgeson	15 Patricia Gardner Ted Schmidt Morgen Woods	16 Charlie Bernal
17 Gretchen Dolan Connie Goerke Taryn Stromback	18 Lisa Carroll Kaley Jacobson	19	20 Gina Bussing Heidi Campbell Cindy Kmeck	21 Sadie Halfrich Sara Halfrich	22 Evan Orth	23 Kyle Christopher John Kothrade
24 David Dufault Andrew Hainen	25 Linda Bredenberg	26	27 Caroline Schaefer	28 Mike Gaffar	29 Ashley Baltes Raquel Brackeen Mark Coombs Rebecca Klesk Selma Werner	30 Larry Anderson Richard Haver Sydney Sivongsay
31 Carol Eastbourne Scott Johnson						



# December 2017

\*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym 5:00 pm Lego Robotics – Power Sunday	4	5 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	6 5:30 pm Public School Catechism 6:00 pm Brass and Choir Practice 7pm Advent Midweek Service 7:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball	7 Deacon Reports Due–noon 7:15 pm Table Tennis	8 8:00am Chapel– 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sings 4:00 pm ESP Christmas Recital	9 11:30 50+ & Jr/Sr Youth Advent Candelight Luncheon
10 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym 6:00 pm Lego Robotics	11	12 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm PTL Meeting	13 5:30 pm Public School Catechism 6:00 pm Brass and Choir Practice 7pm Advent Midweek Service 7:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball	14 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting 7:00 pm Strategic Ping 7:15 pm Table Tennis	15 No Chapel 12:30 pm School Christmas Concert 7:00 pm School Christmas Concert	16
17 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service w/ Sunday School Christmas Program 3:00 pm North Star Boys Choir Concert 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	18	19 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Board Meetings	20 5:30 pm Public School Catechism 6:00 pm Brass and Choir Practice 7pm Advent Midweek Service 7:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball	21 8:00am Chapel– 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sings DEADLINE FOR JANUARY CHURCH NEWSLETTER 7:15 pm Table Tennis	22 No school ~ Christmas Break through Jan 2nd	23 12:30 Christmas Caroling
24 9:00 am Divine Service No Sunday School 10:15 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 No School Office is Closed 10:00 am Christmas Day Service	26 No School No Adult Bible Study	27 No School No Public School Catechism No Brass or Choir Practice 7:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball	28 No School	29 No School	30
31 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	1 No School New Year's Day Office is Closed	2 No School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	3 School Resumes 6:00 pm Public School Catechism 6:15 pm Brass Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball	4 7:15 pm Table Tennis	5 8:00am Chapel– Family Groups	6 7:00 pm Epiphany Divine Service

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**Divine Services on Sundays are 8:00 am and 10:30 am  
Bible Study is at 9:30 am**



THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

**LAST ONE OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOORS, PICK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**