

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



**Preacher:** Pr. Matthew Moss  
**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Johnson  
**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow

**Thanks to all who serve this week:**

**Altar Guild:** Arlene Rogge and LuAn Schutte

**Cello:** Ben Mildenerger

**Processional:**

8:00 am Crucifer ~ Alexis Brockberg  
Torchbearer ~ Matthew Koosman  
Torchbearer ~ Hannah Thurber  
10:30 am Crucifer ~ Sam Say  
Torchbearer ~ Gavin Blanck  
Torchbearer ~ William Schutte

**Worship Assistants:**

8:00 am: Greg Christopher  
10:30 am: Dean Noren

**Acolytes:**

8:00 am: Sophia Beck & Henry Bymark  
10:30 am: Evan Pulju

**Ushers:**

8:00 am: Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe,  
Jack Schalo  
10:30 am: Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna,  
John Meyer, Danny Schilling

**Money Counters:**

Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow,  
Mike McFerrin, Nichole Schilling

**Advent Midweek, Wednesday, Dec 5th:**

**Worship Assistants:**

1:30 pm: John Radintz (Chapel)  
7:00 pm: Joe Koehler

**Acolytes:**

1:30 pm: Matt Koosman & Sam Say (Chapel)  
7:00 pm: Paige Dolan

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: [*sung*] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**The Nicene Creed** page 191

**Hymn of the Day:** *Savior of the Nations, Come* LSB 332  
(v. 2, 5 men; v. 3, 6 women)

**Sermon:** "Behold, Your King Comes to You" (Matthew 21:1-9)

**Offertory:** *Psalm 51:10-12* page 192

**Offering:** Partita on Savior of the Nations, Come (arr. Kenneth T. Kosche)

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar** page 194-202  
*Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.*

**Distribution Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* LSB 340

**Distribution Hymn:** *Prepare the Royal Highway* LSB 343

**Canticle:** *Nunc Dimittis* page 199

**Thanksgiving & Collect** page 200

**Benedicamus & Benediction** page 201

**Closing Hymn:** *Once He Came in Blessing* LSB 333

**Postlude:** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (John A. Behnke)

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(LCMS)

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† **The First Sunday in Advent** †  
**December 2, 2018**

**Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection**

*Verse: Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Psalm 85:7)*

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, prepare my heart this day to receive You in the ways that You come to me: in Word & Sacrament, so that having been thus prepared I might also be prepared for your Second Advent when You will return in glory. Amen.*

**Prelude:** Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland' BWV 659 (J. S. Bach)

**The Divine Service**

**Processional Hymn: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* LSB 334**

**Confession & Absolution page 184**

**Introit** *Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1-3a*

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. \*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;  
 let not my enemies exult | over me. \*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;

**Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; \***

**teach me | your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- |  
 vation;\***

**for you I wait all the | day long.**

**May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me, \***

**for I | wait for you.**

**Redeem Israel, | O God, \***

**out of all his | troubles.**

[The "Glory be to the Father..." is sung from page 186]

**Kyrie page 186**

**Collect of the Day**

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

<sup>7</sup>"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup>but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

**None who wait for you shall be | put to shame; \***

**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; \***

**teach me | your paths.**

*Ps. 25:3-4*

**The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Alleluia Verse**

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**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: **[sung] Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

† **The First Sunday in Advent** †

- *Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-330).*

**Divine Service, Setting III**

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**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):**

**ST. JOHN'S-WIDE "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" EVENT:** The Youth Group is organizing the 2nd Annual FMSC Event and we want YOU to attend! The goal of this event is to connect the youth, congregation members, school families, staff, faculty - anyone that is connected to STJL - in an event that includes fellowship as well as giving back. Last year, we had 125 people attend the event so this year our goal is 140! The event is on Saturday, January 26. We will have a potluck at STJL from 12:00 - 1:15 and then head over (via STJ bus and/or car) to FMSC in Coon Rapids for a shift from 2:00 - 4:00. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for a large sign-up sheet coming soon in the Narthex! (Contact Jayme Kruse with questions)



**ADVENT CANDLELIGHT LUNCHEON:** St John's Youth presents a Christmas Celebration for St. John's Adults age 50 & over NEXT Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:30 in Fellowship Hall with Food, Fellowship, Carols, Candlelight and Cookies. Freewill Offering.

**Youth Group**

**GET CONNECTED:** We have many Youth Group events throughout the year and we want to make sure YOU know about them. Keep an eye on your email, the Church bulletin and the School newsletter for info on the events. Contact Jayme Kruse with questions on how to get connected - jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526.

**YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (grades 5-12):** The STJL Youth Group program is geared towards 6th-12th graders; however, beginning this year, we have invited 5th graders to attend Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to start getting to know the other kids in Youth Group as well as take advantage of age-appropriate topics we discuss. Each Sunday, between services, 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Auxiliary Room and 7th-12th graders will meet in the 6th grade (Mr. Peterman's) room upstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (9-12):** On Sundays Dec. 2, 9, and 16th Pastor Moss will meet with just the 9th - 12th graders during the Bible study hour in the 7th grade room. Please let your youth know and encourage them to attend. The Youth should bring whatever questions or issues they are frequently confronted with at work/school and want answers for, and Pastor will also have studies ready for preparing for college, careers, and family.

**50+ CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Sat. Dec 9th, Carols & games; at STJL; 11:45 am-2:30 pm.

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.  
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**



**CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN  
(Erik Preus, Chris Kruse):**

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**† The First Sunday in Advent †**

**December 2, 2018**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Robert Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, and Brigitte Miest. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

**Our homebound members** are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, and Ilene Shepherd.

**All those serving in our Armed Forces**— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**—Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, and Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— the family of Ron Conley, Steve Orbin & family (at the loss of his mother Vonnie), Russ Rezneck & family (at the loss of his mother Doris), and Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd).

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for Congregational President Erik Preus & Congregational Secretary Jenny Oakland, and also for our Kindergarten Teachers Amy Becker and Sue Schutte.

**PRAYERS FOR TRINITY LCMS IN SLAYTON, MN:** Our pastor, Rev. Matthew Johnson, has returned the Divine Call to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN. Please keep Trinity-Slayton in your daily prayers as their pastoral office remains vacant.

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (and by appointment any time with your pastors). 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).

† Announcements †

**FROM THE PASTORS:**

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *no special feast days this week.*

**Bible Study**



**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** During the three weeks of Advent, Pastor Moss will be with the High School Youth, and Pastor Johnson has the Adults in his study with these topics coming up:

**This week:** Pastor Johnson ~ "Prayers Ascending? The Psalms of Ascents"

**Next week:** Pastor Johnson ~ "Questioning Ourselves? Christian Questions & Their Answers"

**Video Recordings** Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting Tuesdays in the Auxiliary Room; we meet at **9:45 am**. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we reflect on Jesus Christ, the Wisdom from on High. All knowledge *begins* with the Fear of the Lord and many practical insights flow from that knowledge- the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



**PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE:** Please note the start time change during Advent for the Wednesday night classes on Dec. 5th, 12th, and 19th. Class will be held earlier these three evenings starting at 5:30 pm due to the Advent Service schedule on these nights.

**KENYA, AFRICA:** The LCMS Office for International Mission has asked Pr. Briel to go on another missionary trip this coming January to teach at the Lutheran seminary in Matongo, Kenya (his last trip, you may remember, was to Uyo, Nigeria). He will be teaching there for an entire semester (January through May). He has been asked to teach four courses--Psalms, Wisdom Literature, Introduction and Survey of the New Testament, and a course called Intro. to Christian Doctrine. This time Katy will accompany him. Once again, he is in need of funds to help finance his travel and expenses while living in Kenya. God bless those who are willing to contribute to another important mission opportunity God has given him and, through him, to us here at St. John's as we do what we can to answer our Lord's command to make disciples of the nations by baptizing and teaching them God's Word. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and contributions should be made payable to "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church" with a note, "Briel Kenya Trip."



**BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):**



**This Week at St. John's Lutheran**

**TODAY**

- 8:00 am: First Sunday in Advent
- 9:15 am: Craft & Bake Sale (D.C. Trip Fundraiser)
- 9:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
- 10:30 am: Sunday School
- 6:00 pm: Bible Study
- 6:00 pm: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
- 6:00 pm: Robotics Club
- MON: 7:00 pm: Adult Instruction Class
- TUES: 9:45 am: Adult Bible Study
- WED: 1:30 pm: Advent Midweek Chapel~ Tone Chimes
- 5:30 pm: PS Catechism
- 6:00 pm: Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm: Advent Midweek Compline Service
- THUR: 6:30 pm: Confession/Absolution
- 7:00 pm: Table Tennis
- FRI:
- SAT:
- SUN: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
- 9:15 am: Sunday School
- 9:30 am: Bible Study
- 10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
- 3:00 pm: **Bach Christmas Concert**
- 6:00 pm: Robotics Club

**Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- Altar Guild: Arlene Rogge and LuAn Schutte
- Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Erik Preus
- 10:30 am: Dan Holthus
- Acolytes: 8:00 am: Jada Clifford & Carson Dufault
- 10:30 am: Sophie Glock & Joey Heisler
- Ushers: 8:00 am: Larry Jobs, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
- 10:30 am: Joel Johnson, John Meyer
- Money Counters: Ruth Droogsma, Dave Giefer, Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte

**Those Serving Next Week, Advent Midweek, Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- Worship Assistants: 1:30 pm: Ed Kemna (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm: Jack Wold
- Acolytes: 1:30 pm: Naomi Schilling & James Wicht (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm: Reece Fish

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):**

**Ways to Give ~~~**



**In Person...**

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



**Text...** St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689 Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give. \*\*\*



**Giving App...**

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! \*\*\*



**Online...**

Visit [www.stjlutheran.org](http://www.stjlutheran.org) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts. \*\*\*

\*\*\*you can use the printed "I Give Electronically" cards as a visible sign of your stewardship during services...The supply is available upon entering service and will be returned to replenish for re-use after the money counting process.



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK** Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 am: CT: 135 CM: 101  
10:30 am: CT: 152 CM: 115

	<u>Last Week</u> 11/25/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/18
<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>		
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 22,250	\$ 617,332
Amount Needed	\$ 25,058	\$ 786,353
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (2,808)	\$ (169,021)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-21%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (October 31)	\$588,343	

**Important Notes:**  
Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):**

**PT ESP JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Responsibilities will include supervising children after school with homework and playtime. Availability Mon-Fri 2:15-5:30; flexible days & hrs. Contact Julie Zemke: 612-940-6065, julie@zemke.com



**THANK YOU!** Your support of the Gala this year is much appreciated. Because of your time, talents, generosity, and prayers we were able to gather together to GIVE THANKS and GIVE BACK. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



**FUNDRAISER:** We will be holding a Craft and Bake Sale **TODAY** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> before and after each church service. Please stop by and help support our 7th and 8th graders and their Washington, DC trip!

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):**

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** Kindly remember to write your offering amount on the front of your envelope ~ this helps the Money Counters and the data entry of your contribution into your giving records.



Please note~ If your preference is to contribute to a mission, St. John's currently designated Mission Project options are: Issues, Etc., Japan/Iastrom, Lutherans for Life, Nigeria/Wokoma, or Synod. (If any other mission is indicated on your envelope, your offering will be divided between all of these current mission options with the exception of Issues, Etc.)

If you have not indicated on the envelope where you want your money to be directed, the application of those undesignated funds will default to the General Fund to pay the ongoing expenses of the Church and School.

Also, *if you have any leftover envelopes from a previous calendar year*, ~please discard them and do not use them~ as your envelope number for the current year is a different number and your offering will not be correctly allocated to your giving records; it will get posted to whoever owns that number in the current year.

**BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomeranke, Dan Holthus):**

**BUILDING PROJECTS / NEEDS / NOTICES:**



**Roof replacement project** ~ We have a comprehensive plan to replace the aging school roof over the next 7-10 yrs. The SE section of the building is in the worst shape, and we would like to replace that portion next summer; estimated cost \$60,000. If we do not proceed with this replacement schedule, the damage repair cost could be even greater. Funds are needed to start this project.

**Emergency lighting replacement**~ We are replacing the emergency lights throughout the building. The cost for the lights is \$1500 and we are doing the work ourselves.

(Please consider these needs by making a special contribution to the St. John's Improvement Fund.)

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP,  
and ALTAR CARE (Mark Ellinger, Phil Schutte):**



**DECEMBER MUSICAL EVENTS:**

The Minnesota Bach Society will present **Bach's Christmas Oratorio at 3:00 NEXT Sunday, Dec. 9th.** This outstanding organization is returning to St. John's! Performing is the Lyra Baroque Orchestra, directed by Jacques Ogg, along with professional soloists from the area. Tickets are available through their website or at the door (see poster by the sanctuary doors).

On Dec. 16th at 3:00 the North Star Boys' Choir presents "A Choirboy Christmas" at 3pm December 16th in our lovely sanctuary. Come delight in the coming of Christmas with the choirs of this wonderful organization and the beautiful sound of boys singing in the European tradition. Reception will follow the concert; freewill offering.



**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: Dry Pasta and Laundry Detergent. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



**GROCERIES FOR CROSS:** Help feed families this holiday season! Grocery Bags and grocery lists are available for you to take along the next time you go shopping. Please consider filling and donating bags for those in need. Share your abundance. Return the groceries to the blue container in the narthex.



**CROSS FILL-THE-TRUCK EVENTS:** You are invited to stop by to donate food after church service **NEXT** Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at Cub Foods in Rogers and Champlin (the CROSS trucks will be in the parking lots collecting donations). See lists in the narthex identifying the "most needed items" that will help carry families through the next few months.



**POINSETTIAS:** The Altar Guild is 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, and then can be picked-up and enjoyed by you at your home. A Poinsettia order form was placed in everyone's mailbox in the narthex, and extra forms are also available. Please complete and return the form if you wish to purchase a poinsettia. The deadline is Sunday, December 16.



**WHAT CHILD IS THIS** is the theme for our annual Sunday School Christmas program. The children, PreK-4th grades, will tell of our Lord's birth in word, song, and costumes at our 10:30 Divine Service on December 16th. Make sure that you mark your calendars; please join us!



**TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are again looking for teachers for the final Sunday School term starting 1/6/2019 thru 3/10/2019. The program's success relies on the help from all our volunteers, so please consider giving a little of your time and sharing your faith with the children. All materials and tools are provided. Please contact: tara.eder@gmail.com 763-203-4095



**FROM THE SECRETARIES:**

**EACH QUARTER:** FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

**"LUTHERAN HOUR"** this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

**SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:**

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF  
December 2 - December 8**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Ruby Batcha Jack Wicht IV	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
Faith Kruse Mark Pruhs	Adelyn Holovnia Christina Johnson Isaiah Kliche Joellyn Wicht
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Ruth Droogsma Jeremy Kappel Samuel Kulberg Ginny Malikowski	Sophie Glock Lois Trebesch
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Paula Erickson Mark Jaster	Diane Lawrence

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.



† **HOLIDAY DIVINE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS** †

- Sunday, December 9* 3:00 pm: Minnesota Bach Society: Christmas Oratorio
- Sunday, December 9* 12:00 pm: Advent Candlelight Luncheon (SJL Adults 50+)
- Friday, December 14* 12:45/ 7:00 pm: St. John's Lutheran School Christmas Concert
- Sunday, December 16* 10:30 am D.S.: St. John's Sunday School Program
- Sunday, December 16* 3:00 pm: North Star Boys Choir Christmas Program
- Sunday, December 23* 1:00 pm: St. John's Christmas Caroling
- Monday, December 24* 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service~  
Readings and Carols
- Tuesday, December 25* 10:00 am: Christmas Day Divine Service~  
Celebrating the Feast of the Nativity

St. John's Youth

Presents:

# Waiting for Bethlehem's Light!

St. John's Adults 50 & over!

Please join us for an

*Advent Candle light luncheon!*

Sun. December 9th, 2018

12:00-2:30 in the lunchroom

Freewill offering!

A Celebration for Christmas!

Food! Fellowship!

Carols! Candlelight and Cookies!

Provided by St. John's Jr. and Sr. Youth

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12:00-2:30 in the lunchroom

Freewill offering!

A Celebration for Christmas!

Food! Fellowship!

Carols! Candlelight and Cookies!

Provided by St. John's Jr. and Sr. Youth



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