

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵“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. ⁶In 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.’

⁷“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,’ ⁸but ‘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.”

GRADUAL Ps. 25:3-4

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.

DAILY READINGS

December 3: Is. 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14; **4:** Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21; **5:** Is. 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22; **6:** Is. 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18; **7:** Is. 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14; **8:** Is. 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29; **9:** Is. 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24.

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Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ ”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And 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!”

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† The First Sunday in Advent †
December 3, 2017

VERSE: Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

PRAYER: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame. Lead me in Your path and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long, for You I wait throughout this Advent season, for You and Your salvation I expectantly wait by faith all the days of my life in this world. Amen.

Sermon: "The Coming King" (Saint Matthew 21:3-6)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Organist: Duane Esterly

Prelude: Savior Of the Nations, Come (Pachelbel)

Offering: Lift Up Your Heads (Bender)

Postlude: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (Cherwien, Lau)

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| Altar Guild: | | Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl |
| Worship Assistants: | 8:00 am: | Jerry Rogge |
| | 10:30 am: | Todd Haag |
| Processionals: | 8:00 am: | Crucifer: Lucas Kiesow Torchbearer: Adam Kiesow Torchbearer: Ben Kiesow |
| | 10:30 am: | Crucifer: William Schutte Torchbearer: Donna Toelle Torchbearer: Eric Toelle |
| Acolytes: | 8:00 am: | Faith Grant & Jake Miest |
| | 10:30 am: | Nate Miest & Christian Burfeind |
| Ushers: | 8:00 am: | Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo |
| | 10:30 am: | Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer, Danny Schilling, Wayne Schutte |
| Money Counters: | | Cindy Kiekow, Tim Lodholz, Mike McFerrin, Bob Radintz |

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School, Corcoran, and Pr. Matthew Moss, Pr. Matthew Johnson, & Pr. Steven Briel.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our many Church Volunteers including Accounting Professionals, Funeral Workers, Fundraisers, Cleaners, and Those Who Serve at our worship services, and also for our Fourth Grade Teacher Julie Preus.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 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.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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.

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.

† 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 329-340).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB
340

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (insert) – conclude with
Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

GLORIA: omitted during Advent

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with thy spirit**

COLLECT: insert

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: insert

Responses: LSB 190

CREED: LSB 191 (or inside back cov)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 332

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in
Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 334; LSB 335

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199 ("Nunc
Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 343

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
December 3 - December 9**

| SUNDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| April Galle Faith Kruse Mark Pruhs | Adelyn Holovnia Christina Johnson Isaiah Kliche Joellyn Wicht |
| MONDAY | THURSDAY |
| Ruth Droogsma Jeremy Kappel Samuel Kulberg Ginny Malikowski | Sophie Glock Lois Trebesch |
| TUESDAY | FRIDAY |
| Paula Erickson Mark Jaster | |
| | SATURDAY |
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If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th 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 Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Saturday, December 23, meet at St. John's at 12:30 pm; return by 4:00 pm.

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

**† The First Sunday in Advent †
December 3, 2017**

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Tony Stadler, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Gail Ledstrom>moved to West Virginia (her address can be found on the printed homebound/military list), Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Bruce O'Hern, Dana Rossow, and Doris Gangelhoff. 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, Alex & Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

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

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Jane Kothrade and family (at the loss of her father Loren Zander), Karen Orth (at the loss of her mother Elaine Larson), Tim Kanz & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Harold Bauermeister, Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, and Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones — Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother).

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)

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.

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.

† **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.
This week: Exodus 1
Next week: Exodus 2

CONTACT NUMBERS: Pastor Moss’ cell: 763-496-5350; Katie’s cell: 763-496-5346

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.

† **HOLIDAY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS** †

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| <i>Wednesday, December 06</i> | <i>7:00 pm:</i> | <i>Advent Mid-week Service</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, December 13</i> | <i>7:00 pm:</i> | <i>Advent Mid-week Service</i> |
| <i>Friday, December 15</i> | <i>12:30/ 7:00 pm:</i> | <i>St. John’s Lutheran School Christmas Concert</i> |
| <i>Sunday, December 17</i> | <i>10:30 am:</i> | <i>D.S., St. John’s Sunday School Program</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, December 20</i> | <i>7:00 pm:</i> | <i>Advent Mid-week Service</i> |
| <i>Saturday, December 23</i> | <i>12:30 pm:</i> | <i>Annual Christmas Caroling</i> |
| <i>Sunday, December 24</i> | <i>9:00 am:</i> | <i>Christmas Eve Day Divine Service</i> |
| | <i>3:00 pm and 5:00 pm:</i> | <i>Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Readings and Carols</i> |
| <i>Monday, December 25</i> | <i>10:00 am:</i> | <i>Christmas Day Divine Service~ Celebrating the Feast of the Nativity (Lord’s Supper Celebrated)</i> |
| <i>Saturday, January 06</i> | <i>7:00 pm:</i> | <i>Epiphany Divine Service</i> |

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: A celebration in honor of Pastor Briel is planned for January 7, 2018. Following the second service there will be a dinner and program. For questions, contact Gretchen Kliche or any SEWAC Board member. **RSVP** via the insert in the bulletin OR online here: <https://tinyurl.com/PastorBrielRetirement>

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



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30 service. The children have been practicing and are very excited to share with you their hard work. There WILL be Sunday School on December 17, as we will be doing a dress rehearsal during this time. Children should meet in the music room at 10:15 and we will all go into the sanctuary together. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me: tara.eder@gmail.com Tara Eder, St. John’s Sunday School Superintendent.

This Week at St. John’s Lutheran

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| TODAY | 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 |
| | 12:00 pm: | Safety Team Meeting & exercises (FH & Prop) |
| | 4:00 pm: | Adult Open Gym |
| | 5:00 pm: | Lego Robotics-Power Sunday (Conf Rm) |
| MON: | | |
| TUES: | 9:00 am: | Adult Bible Study |
| WED: | 5:30 pm: | Public School Catechism |
| | 6:00 pm: | Brass & Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 pm: | Advent Midweek Service |
| | 7:30 pm: | Adult Open Gym Basketball |
| THUR: | 7:15 pm: | Table Tennis |
| FRI: | 8:00 am: | Chapel ~ Eighth Grade Sings |
| 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 |
| | 4:00 pm: | Adult Open Gym |

Those Serving This Week, Wednesday, Advent Midweek, December 6th:

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| Worship Assistant: | 7:00 pm: | Kevin Pomeranke |
| Acolytes: | 7:00 pm: | James Wicht & Matthew Koosman |

Those Serving Next Week, The Second Sunday in Advent, December 10th:

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| Altar Guild: | | Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl |
| Worship Assistants: | 8:00 am: | Tom Eversman |
| | 10:30 am: | Dean Noren |
| Acolytes: | 8:00 am: | Mackenzie Coombs & Jada Clifford |
| | 10:30 am: | Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz |
| Ushers: | 8:00 am: | Larry Jobs, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo |
| | 10:30 am: | Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer, Danny Schilling, Wayne Schutte |
| Money Counters: | | Randy Bredenberg, Scott Brockberg, Dave Giefer, Bill Walters |

Those Serving Next Week, Wednesday, Advent Midweek, December 13th:

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| Worship Assistant: | 7:00 pm: | Dan Kolander |
| Acolytes: | 7:00 pm: | Andrew Wandersee & Evan Pulju |

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 17.



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.



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.



SCHOOL UPDATES: 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.stjlutherschool.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/stjleagles/>.

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 or Cindy Kiekow at cak_woman79@hotmail.com. Thank you so much!

CHRISTMAS AT WEST: West Lutheran High School's Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm in the gymnasium, 3350 Harbor Lane N, Plymouth, MN.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Wednesday, November 22nd: 7:00 pm: CT: 98
 Thursday, November 23rd: 9:00 am: CT: 167
 Sunday, November 26th: 8:00 am: CT: 153 CM: 143
 10:30 am: CT: 160 CM: 127

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | Month-to-date | Year-to-date |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 11/26/17 | since 07/01/17 |
| Offerings Received | \$ 11,526 | \$ 269,973 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 13,635 | \$ 299,970 |
| Amount Ahead (Behind) | \$ (2,109) | \$ (29,997) |
| % Ahead (-Behind) | -15% | -10% |

Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday beforehand to allow appropriate processing time to accommodate your posting. Thank you!!



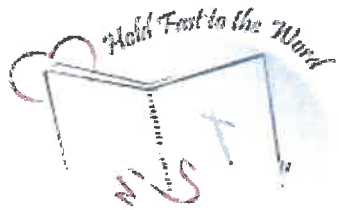
SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!



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 for your generosity and continued support!!



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DATE NOVEMBER, 2017

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Greetings to you in Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you is not enough,

Thank you for your continued support and making it possible for our Father Wokoma to have presented a paper during your 500th Reformation Anniversary.

Thank you for the continued adoption and for the 90 copies of the small Catechism from the school children and congregation. Also, the 40 hymnals you catered for; thank you.

For now, thank you for permitting your senior Pastor, the Revd. Steve Briel to come and teach us for one month at our Seminary, we are expecting him.

We cannot thank you enough.

May the Lord in His goodness replenish your coffers and bless your families and Church. Amen.

You are dear to us.

In Christ,

Seminararian Gabriel Ibiok
CHAIRMAN

Seminararian Kufre-Abasi Ekanem
SECRETARY

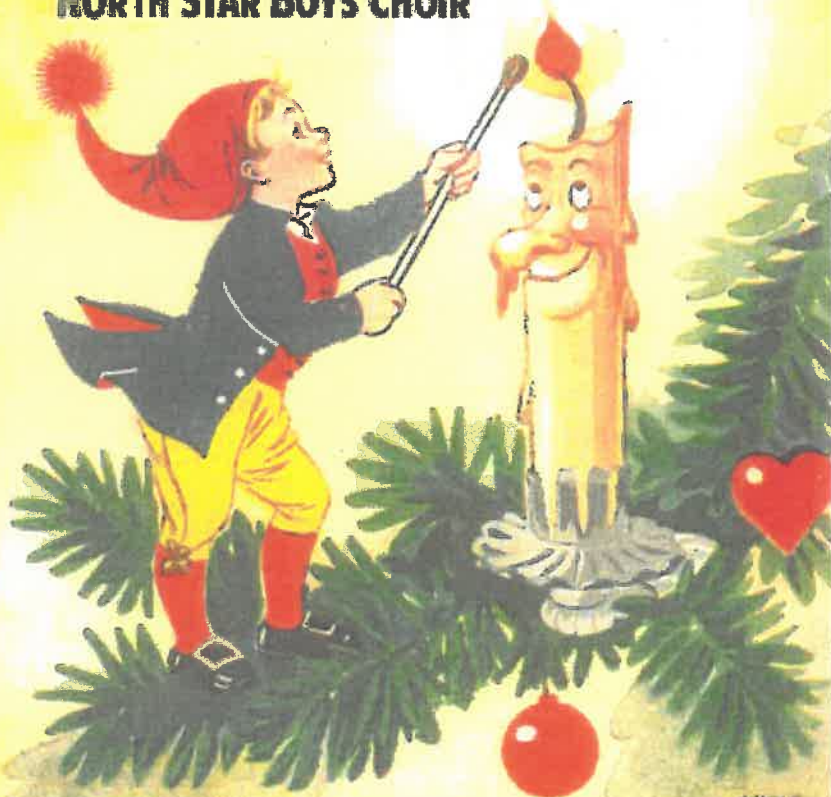


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A CHOIRBOY CHRISTMAS

-WITH THE-
NORTH STAR BOYS' CHOIR



CONDUCTORS: FRANCIS STOCKWELL & CRAIG ANDERSON
ACCOMPANISTS: DR. CRYSTAL ROSSOW & FRANCIS STOCKWELL

Please join us on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9141 Cty Rd 101, Corcoran, MN, for our all-choir Christmas concert. The concert begins at 3:00 pm with a reception to follow. Tickets are not required; a freewill offering will be accepted after the performance. For additional info: 763-221-9466

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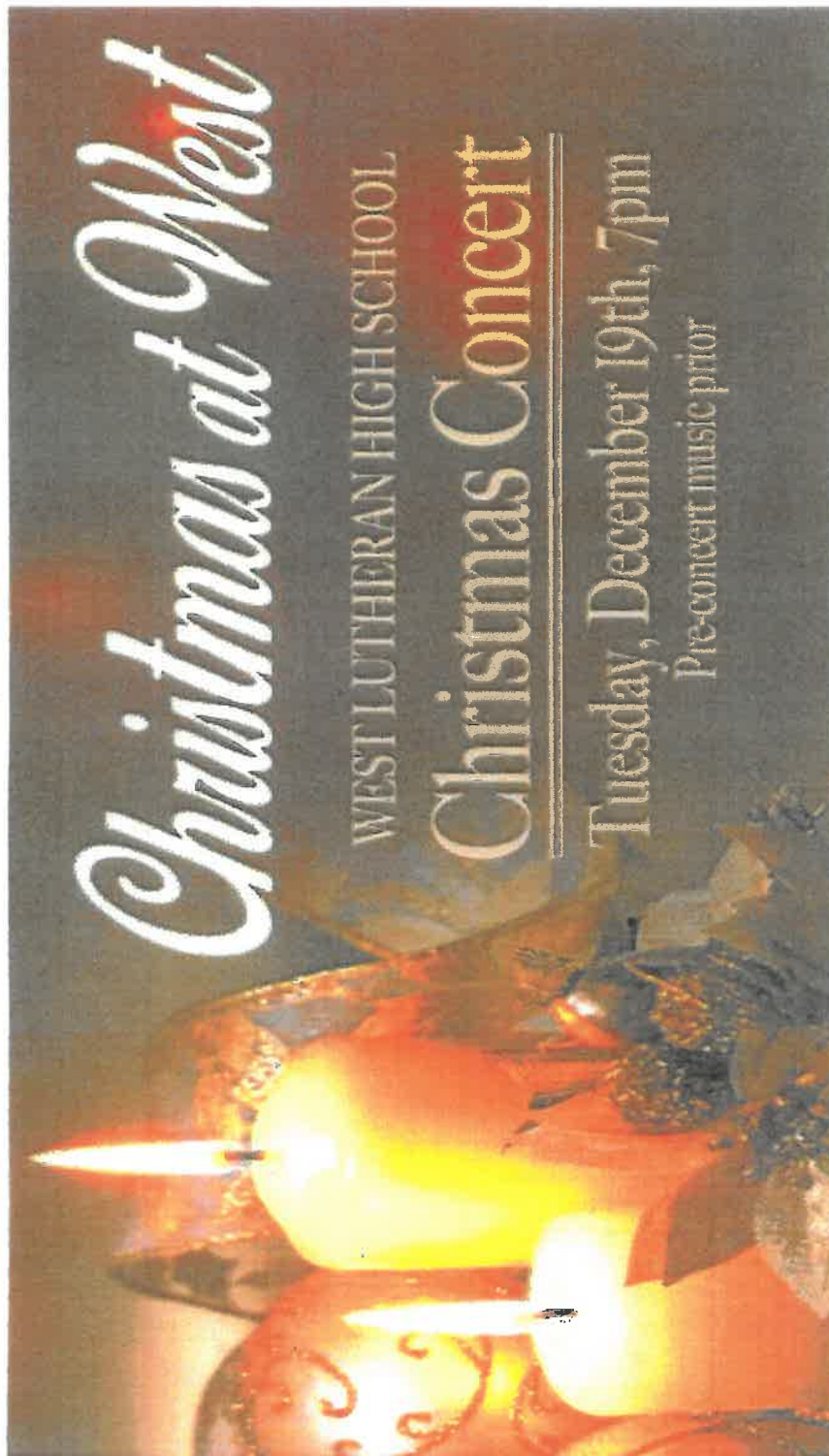
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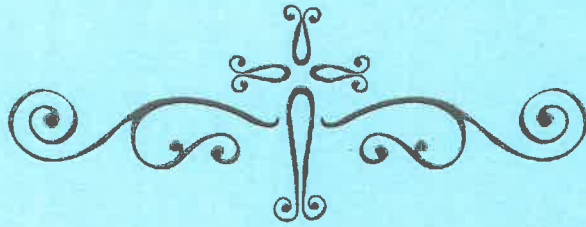
WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 19th, 7pm

Pre-concert music prior





Together Let's Honor and Celebrate
the Retirement of our Beloved Pastor

Reverend Steven C. Briel

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

St. John's Lutheran Church
9141 County Road 101
Corcoran, MN 55340

Church Services will be
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

RETIREMENT DINNER RECEPTION
Following 10:30 AM service

RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE
by January 2nd, 2018
763-420-2426

*Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lords work
They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance
Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work
And live peacefully with each other.
1 Thessalonians 5; 12-13*

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