

**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

**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

**Advent Midweek, Wednesday, Dec 12th:**

**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

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day: *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending***

**LSB 336**

**Sermon: “Redemption Is Nigh!” (Luke 24:28)**

**Offertory: *Create in Me* (Psalm 51:10-12)**

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**Offering: Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (James L. Brauer)**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar**

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**Distribution Hymn: *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide***

**LSB 355**

**Distribution Hymn: *The Night Will Soon Be Ending***

**LSB 337**

**Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis***

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**Benedicamus & Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns***

**LSB 348**

**Postlude: The King Shall Come (Charles W. Ore)**

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(LCMS)**

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† **The Second Sunday in Advent** †

**December 9, 2018**

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

*Verse: Alleluia. The Powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Alleluia. (Luke 21:26b-27)*

*Prayer: O Father, preserve our hearts in true faith that we may not be overburdened with the cares of this life, but at all times in watchfulness and prayer we may await the return of Your Son and joyfully cherish the expectation of our eternal salvation. Amen.*

**Prelude:** The Clouds of Judgement Gather (Aaron David Miller)

The Divine Service

**Opening Hymn: *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*** LSB 353

**Confession & Absolution** page 184

**Introit** *Isaiah 30:30, 29; Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b*

Say to the daughter of | Zion, \*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes;

**the LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard \***

**and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock! \***

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.**

**Restore us, | O God;\***

**Let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

**Turn again, O | God of hosts! \***

**Look down from | heav’n, and see;**

**But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand, \***

**the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!**

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

**Kyrie** page 186

**Collect of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6**

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

<sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

*Ps. 50:2-3a, 5*

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth. \***

**Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;**

**“Gather to me my | faithful ones, \***

**who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”**

**The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Alleluia Verse**

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- *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).*

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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 **TODAY** 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:** 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:** Sun. Dec 9th, Carols & games; at STJL; 11:45 am-2:30 pm.  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** to our shut-ins is December 23rd after services.

**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):

**† The Second Sunday in Advent †**

**December 9, 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 Brigette 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 Reznecheck & 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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for BOA Deacons Tom Eversman & Mike Gaffer and the Board Members, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (7th & 8th Grade).

**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*



**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 ~ "Questioning Ourselves? Christian Questions & Their Answers"

**Next week:** Pastor Johnson ~ "Alex, Let's Do 'Seasons of the Church Year for \$154': 'Getting Ready for Christmas (by Prayer & Self-Examination)'... 'What is Advent?'"

**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.

**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND COOKIE-EXCHANGE PARTY!**

Next Sunday (Dec. 16th) after the 10:30 a.m. service (which includes the Sunday school program), you are all invited to stay afterwards to help the Altar Guild decorate the Sanctuary for our celebration of Christmas! It will be a whole-family celebration! While the adults gather to lend helping hands, the children will go to the gym with Pastor Moss and some Parish Ed. Volunteers for a fun cookie-exchange. If you plan on your children attending, please bring a plate of 5-10 cookies which the kids can exchange in our game (for allergy awareness, please refrain from using peanuts and tree nuts). If you have questions or would like to donate cookies, please contact Pastor Moss ([pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org)).



**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."

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

<b>TODAY</b>	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:	50+ Advent Candlelight Luncheon
	3:00 pm:	<b>Bach Christmas Concert</b>
	6:00 pm:	Robotics Club
<b>MON:</b>	7:00 pm:	
<b>TUES:</b>	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm:	
<b>WED:</b>	1:30 pm:	Advent Midweek Chapel~ 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Sing
	5:30 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm:	Advent Midweek Compline Service
<b>THUR:</b>	6:30 pm:	Confession/Absolution
	7:00 pm:	Deacons Council Meeting
	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
<b>FRI:</b>	12:45 pm:	St. John's Christmas Concert
	7:00 pm:	St. John's Christmas Concert
<b>SAT:</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	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/ Sunday School Christmas Program
	11:45 am:	St. John's Christmas Decorating/Cookie Exchange
	3:00 pm:	North Star Boys' Choir Christmas Concert
	6:00 pm:	Robotics Club

**Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Altar Guild:		Arlene Rogge and LuAn Schutte
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Kevin Pomeranke
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Jake Gangelhoff & Leah Gordon
	10:30 am:	Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
	10:30 am:	Joel Johnson, John Meyer
Money Counters:		Tim Lodholz, <i>Craig Schutte</i> , Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

**Those Serving Next Week, Advent Midweek, Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship Assistants:	1:30 pm:	Ed Kemna (Chapel)
	7:00 pm:	Dan Kolander
Acolytes:	1:30 pm:	Christian Burfeind & Jada Clifford (Chapel)
	7:00 pm:	Shelby Horning

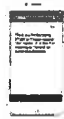
**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):**

**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, December 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 8:00 am: CT: 143 CM: 106  
10:30 am: CT: 155 CM: 113



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	<i>Last Week</i> 12/02/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/18
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 17,539	\$ 634,871
Amount Needed	\$ 28,385	\$ 814,738
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (10,846)	\$ (179,867)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-22%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (November 30)	\$582,009	

**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.

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

Reminders concerning weekly offerings/contributions:

Offerings received through weekly offering envelopes without contribution designations on the face of the envelope will be directed to the General Fund, to pay the ongoing expenses of the Church and School.



St. John's currently supports the following mission programs: Synod. Issues. Etc., Japan/Iastrom, Lutherans for Life, and Nigeria/Wokoma. Other or undesignated mission program contributions will be divided between all of the currently-supported mission options except Issues, Etc., which has a fixed annual contribution limit set by the Board of Stewardship.

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



**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 TODAY 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).

**NEXT** Sunday Dec. 16th at 3:00 the North Star Boys' Choir presents "A Choirboy Christmas" at 3pm 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.



**CROSS FILL-THE-TRUCK EVENTS:** You are invited to stop by to donate food after church service **TODAY** 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 **NEXT** Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



**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 **NEXT** Sunday, 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



**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** If you would like to get the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine, please sign up with the Usher or fill out a form at the narthex table. A magazine will be placed in the church mailbox for each family that signs up.

**ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION:** Thursday, January 17th 4pm. Susan Peterson, a shareholder in the firm of Henninson & Snoxell, Ltd., is chair of the Estate Planning Department and handles Estate Planning, Probate, Estate and Trust Administration, and Elder Law. Come learn more about this as she will be conducting a presentation to share information. Please let the secretary know that you will attend for planning purposes. 763.420.2426 or secretary@stjlutheran.org



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** to our shut-ins is December 23rd after services. Meet at St. John's; depart at 1pm. return no later than 4pm. All members young and old are invited to sing familiar hymns and carols. A great family outing, and a joy shared with our shut-ins.

**FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:**



**INVITATION:** Grace Lutheran Church invites you to join them for a dedication service to celebrate the completion of their sanctuary renewal project **TODAY**, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. Dessert Reception to follow. (6810 Winnetka Av N, Brooklyn Park, MN 763-533-4411)

**FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:**

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† **HOLIDAY DIVINE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS** †

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



**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., WWJQ 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 9 - December 15**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
	Jacquelyn Burnes Jackie Bymark Bruce Hansen Ava Kanz Bella Kanz Amy Mazurowski Andrew Rehmer
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Nathan Eversman Erika Rossow	Rick Bymark Amy Dufault Brian Helgeson
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Ryan Priebe Jordyn Stromback	Patricia Gardner Ted Schmidt Morgen Woods
WEDNESDAY	

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

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

**BACH'S  
Christmas  
Oratorio**

*The Lyra*  
BAROQUE ORCHESTRA  
JACQUES OGG, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

**BACH  
SOCIETY  
OF MINNESOTA**  
MATTHIAS MAUTE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sunday, December 9, 2018 ~ 3:00 pm  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church