

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

December 1, 2024



In Our Prayers This Week

Our members and friends who are sick and in need of healing and comfort: Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Barb Grambart, Judie Berreau, Ryan & Toya Fish, Renaye Day, Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Alexis Brockberg, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), Darlean Goskey, and Caroline Schaefer

For those who mourn, especially Patty Picotte and family at the death of her father

Our homebound members: John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorryayne Conley, Sue Erickson, Rev. David Fechner, Wes Grambart, Ron Koehler, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Ilene Shepherd, and Robert Stashenko

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Oklahoma), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Missouri), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home)

All expecting families and their unborn children, especially Sam and Victoria Kulberg; Ryan and Naomi Ludwig; Cory and Daphne Olson; and Evan and Amelia Lane

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our many church volunteers, including accounting professionals, funeral workers, fund raisers, and worship assistants. We also pray for our fourth-grade teacher, Miss Laura Ellinghuysen.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for the MN South District and our District President, Rev. Lucas Woodford as well as all our elected officers and board members.

From the Pastors

Sunday Bible Study Join us in between services as we now rewind to the beginning of Matthew's Gospel to study the Birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, King Herod's sinister plot, the Baptism of Jesus and His temptation in the wilderness.

- Today: Special Mission Presentation by Miss Janine Foggia
- Next Week: Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus from Joseph's Perspective

Tuesday Bible Study meets weekly at 9am in the auxiliary room.

- Dec. 3 Psalm 84 The Christian Heart Longs for God's Presence

To prepare for next Sunday, we encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. (especially Pastor Will Weedon's "Looking Forward to Sunday Morning [the 1-Year Lectionary]") on your podcasting app or via their website.

Attendance Last Week

- Sunday, Nov. 24 277 attended; 199 communed

VACATION DAYS Pastor Johnson will be taking vacation days from Mon. Nov. 25 through Wed. Dec. 4. If you should need immediate pastoral care during this time, please direct all calls to Pastor Moss (763-496-5350).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN UPDATE FROM MISSIONARY JANINE FOGGIA Thank you, St. John's, for your partnership in God's mission in Costa Rica. I will be visiting St. John's **TODAY** during the bible study hour at 9:30 am to share how God has been at work in Costa Rica and to say thank you for sharing God's love and shining His light. If you're unable to attend but would like to get in touch, email janine.foggia@missionofchrist.org. Thank you for your prayers, support and making Christ known in Costa Rica. Blessings – Janine Foggia, Mission Partner, Mission of Christ Network.

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 is available in the narthex on the communion sign-up table, by the announcements, and also on the ledge in front of the mailboxes. Please complete and return the form if you wish to purchase a poinsettia. The deadline is Sunday, December 15. The Altar Guild is also seeking financial donations for the two evergreen trees. If you wish to donate towards the Christmas trees, it would be greatly appreciated.



THE ST. JOHN'S PTL IS PARTNERING WITH OMNI BREWING TOMORROW in Maple Grove to raise money to support our school. On Monday, December 2nd, Omni Brewing will donate \$1 to STJ for every drink purchase and every pizza purchase from

7:00am-10:00pm – open to close! This is an easy and fun way to support our school. Scan the QR code for extra details.

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE The Deacon Council would like to form an *ad hoc* committee to explore the idea of St. John's Lutheran School expanding beyond its current grade levels (PS - 8th). If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dr. Kristen Skura (kristen.skura@stjlutheran.org) by **THIS** Thursday, December 5th.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is December 15 at the 10:30 service. If your child does not attend Sunday school but would like to participate in the program please contact Erika Rossow at erossow17@gmail.com or 763-267-4561.

YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL is December 15 from 12:00-2:30pm. Help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season; snacks/lunch will be provided. We'll enjoy cookie decorating, crafting ornaments, and maybe even singing some Christmas hymns.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to decorate Christmas cookies following the 10:30am Divine Service on December 15th (this is

also the day of the Christmas program). Please join us in the fellowship hall for cookie decorating fun, appetizers, coffee, and lemonade. If you wish to bring a dish to share, please text Jamie Peterson at 612-481-3904.

A SET OF KEYS HAS BEEN LOST. The set contains multiple keys, a wooden circle, and two key fobs. If you happen to find them, please turn in to the front office. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER Do you have work around your house that you need help with this winter?? If so, the youth would be happy to help you!! We have no set prices; we just ask for a free will donation that will go toward their trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2025. If interested, please contact Jayme Kruse or the church office and we'll assign some youth to help as well as schedule a day/time to do so.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! The school needs one or more volunteers for assistance Monday and/or Friday to help supervise during lunch and/or recess (11am-1pm) as well as substitute teachers for PS-8th grade (college degree preferred but not required). If you are interested, please contact Dr. Kristen Skura at 763-420-2426 or Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE UPDATE Thank you so much to those donors who have given over 396 lbs. of food!



SAVE THE DATE FOR NINJAS UNITED!

Kindergarten – 8th grade children are welcome to join us at Ninjas United in Maple Grove from 5-7pm on Saturday, January 25th. This event is sponsored by the school PTL and is a favorite of everyone! More info to come!

ULC WOMEN'S RETREAT Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse? Mark your calendars for the ULC Women's retreat from August 8-9 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. The cost will be \$175, and the speaker will be the Rev. Bruce Timm (father of our Kantor Katie Moss). More information can be found on the ULC website.

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 – November 25, 2024)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$805,581**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$861,568**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$55,987** over budget

Ways to Give

- Online at www.stjohnscorcoran.churchcenter.com/giving
- Download the “Church Center” in your app store
 - Add St. John’s as your church to give
 - Track your pledges, giving and more!

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to our business manager, Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org or any member of the Board of Administration.

Nice to Know

The flowers on the altar are provided by Bob and Vivian Radintz in memory of their parents, Theodore and Alice Radintz and Pastor Fred and Lydia Pfothenhauer.

Large print bulletins that include the entire order of service are available. If you would like one placed in your mailbox each week for use, please contact the church office at 763-420-2426.

Large print Portals of Prayer are available in limited numbers. Please speak with an usher if you would like one.

The Lutheran Hour can be found this week at the following: 6:00am WCCO 830 AM, 7:30am WWJO 98.1 FM 9:30am KRWC AM Buffalo

Planning to stop in? Please call first (763-420-2426) as we would appreciate notice of your arrival (this helps us better coordinate and accommodate your visit). Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri.

Bulletin announcements must be received by Wednesday at noon each week to be considered for inclusion. Announcements may be emailed to Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org.

A happy birthday is wished to those celebrating this week!

- **Today:** Katy Briel, Toya Fish, Kristen Skura, Judy Stromback
- **Monday:** Jack Wicht
- **Tuesday:** Bailey Dorweiler, Gunner Dorweiler, Faith Kruse, Mark Pruhs
- **Wednesday:** Ruth Droogsma, Sam Kulberg, Ginny Malikowski
- **Thursday:** Victori Kulberg
- **Friday:** Adelyn Holovnia, Isaiah Kliche
- **Saturday:** Sophie Glock, Lois Trebesch

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



This Week at St. John's

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual cups
	9:30am	Special Mission Presentation from Janine Foggia Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	12:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7am-10pm	Omni Brewing Maple Grove Fundraiser
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	5:30pm	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday		Deacon Reports Due
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
Saturday		
Sunday	7:30am	8 th Grade Handbell Warm Up
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• 8th grade handbells playing
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual cups
	12:00pm	Choir Rehearsal