

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

November 24, 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, Caroline Schaefer, Alexis Brockberg, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), and Darlean Goskey

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

Our homebound members: John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorryne 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 all who oversee our parish education, for our Jr. and Sr. youth coordinator, Miss Erika Rossow, and for our middle school teacher, Miss Kari Preus.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and our Synod President, Rev. Matthew Harrison, as well as all of our elected officers and board members.

From the Pastors

Sunday Bible Study We are studying Matthew's Gospel. We covered the Sermon on the Mount over the Summer and now continue with some action! Join us in between services.

- Today: Matthew 1 The Genealogy of Jesus
- Next Week: Special Mission Presentation by Miss Janine Foggia

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

- Nov. 26 Psalm 83 God the Most High Over All the Earth

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. 17 277 attended; 204 communed

Vacation Days Pastor Johnson will be taking vacation days over the next week and a half (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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT! We give thanks to the Lord for blessing us with a beautiful evening at our recent St. John's Lutheran Church and School Gala. We are filled with gratitude for the outpouring of generosity from our community and for the gracious hearts who came together to make this event a success. Through God's abundant blessings and the support of each and every attendee, we can continue our mission to make a Christian education accessible to all who wish to attend St. John's and to further enrich our

church and school. Praise be to God for His goodness and the gift of this loving, faithful community!

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 Roissow

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.

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.



THE ST. JOHN'S PTL IS PARTNERING WITH OMNI BREWING 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.

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.

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 Thursday December 5th.

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.

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 on Sunday, December 1 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, please email me at 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.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE UPDATE Thank you so much to those donors who have given over 396 lbs. of food! Please continue to bring in your bags of food before Thanksgiving.



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!

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 – November 18, 2024)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$767,220**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$825,239**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$58,019** 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

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:** Jacob Gordon, Ben Kothrade
- **Monday:**
- **Tuesday:** Liz Wicklund
- **Wednesday:** Jon Bode, Matthew Nauth
- **Thursday:** Jody Preus
- **Friday:** Matthew Koosman, Cynthia Rowe
- **Saturday:** Dave Giefer

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is the “Sunday of the Fulfillment”?

The Sunday of the Fulfillment, which is the last Sunday in the Church Year, is the day we celebrate and look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus on the Last Day in time.

Why do we celebrate it?

Have you ever had to wait for a really exciting gift that you’ve always wanted? What was it like when you finally received the gift? The waiting may have been difficult, but when you finally received the gift, it made all of the waiting seem “fulfilled” or complete. As Christians, we are eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus to return. When he returns, as Scripture says, He will take His people to be with Him in His glorious Kingdom forever. Now that is something to celebrate and be excited about!



Parents: At home, discuss with your children what will happen when Jesus returns. Take time to read through portions of Matthew 24 and 25. Remind them that in Baptism Jesus makes us His people. Through faith in Him, we live as Christians patiently awaiting His return.



This Week at St. John's

Sunday	7:30am	Handbell Warm Up
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• Handbells playing
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• Handbells playing
	12:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Monday		
Tuesday	8:15am	All-School Chapel
	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	5:30pm	Adult Catechism
Wednesday		School/Office Closed
	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday		School/Office Closed
	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday		School/Office Closed
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual cups
	9:30am	Special Mission Presentation from Miss Janine Foggia
	10:30am	Sunday School Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup