

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

January 19, 2025



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, Caroline Schaefer, Lisa Kolander, and Steve Kruse

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

For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Wes Grambart

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), Danny Schilling (home), Isaac Vogt (Texas)

All expecting families and their unborn children, especially Cory and Daphne Olson and Evan and Amelia Lane

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our Deacon Chairman Ross Meyer and Deacon Secretary Scott Kulberg. We also pray for our teachers, Maria Koosman (preschool) and Jeremy Koosman (second grade).

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth and her pastor, Rev. Joe Behnke.

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: Matt. 4:1-11 The Temptation of Jesus
- Next Week: Matt. 4:12-25 Jesus Begins His Ministry

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

- Jan. 21st Psalm 89 The End of Book III (Part I)

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

Attendance Last Week

- Sun., Jan. 12 253 attended; 179 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT UPDATE As many of you know Mr. Steve Kruse is currently recovering from a serious hospitalization. With thankfulness for all the prayers and support of the Church, Steve has decided to step down from the Congregational Presidency in order to focus on his recovery efforts. Following our Constitution & Bylaws, the Council of Deacons has appointed an acting Congregational President until the next Congregational Assembly can elect one. We are thankful for Mr. Phil Schutte's willingness to fulfill this role. May our gracious God continue to bless Steve, Phil, and all our church members!

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK, St. John's Lutheran School is collecting non-perishable food items, new and gently used coats, mittens, hats, and boots, personal hygiene items, and birthday party supplies for CROSS Services. Please feel free to donate to this very worthy cause. Donations are accepted now through January 30th.

SR. MINISTRY PROGRAM St. John's is excited to schedule our first 2025 Sr. Ministry Fellowship Fun Event! Please join us on the third Tuesday, January 21, 2025 in the fellowship hall starting at noon. This first event will include devotions, a light lunch, games, and social time to catch up with your fellow members and friends. If interested in joining us, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or contact. If you need a ride, just let us know! All members and friends are welcome!

NINJAS UNITED EVENT ! Kindergarten – 8th grade children are welcome to join us at Ninjas United in Maple Grove from 5-7pm on **THIS Saturday, January 25th**. This event is sponsored by the school PTL and is a favorite of everyone! Scan the QR code for more info.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL EXPLORATORY

COMMITTEE At the December 2024 meeting of the Council of Deacons, an exploratory committee was formed to look at the grades we offer in our school and to gauge interest and possibilities for expanding through 12th grade. Please keep the committee members in your prayers and be ready to work with them as they gather information: Dave Huth (Chairman), Anthony Fisher, Dan Holthus, and Elizabeth Koehler.

ST. JOHN'S WILL HOST A PIANO AND VIOLIN CONCERT on **Sunday, February 2 at 3:00pm**. The Weber St. John duo will be performing, playing their own arrangements of confessional Lutheran hymns. The duo celebrates the beauty of sacred music with a focus on timeless hymns and traditional melodies. Their performances aim to glorify Christ and bring joy to those who hear them. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are available to help at the piano and violin concert on Sunday, February 2, please talk to Katie Moss or e-mail her. We will need ushers and help with hosting a light reception following the performance.



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN for all students (PS-8th grade). See the Admissions page on the school website (stjlutheranschool.org) or scan the QR code for more information, including tuition rates and a link to complete an application.

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 – January 13, 2025)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$1,074,115**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,157,193**
- Year To Date revenue is a favorable **\$83,078** 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 are available. If you would like one 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 emailed by noon each Wednesday to Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org. to be considered for inclusion.

A happy birthday is wished to those celebrating this week!

- **Today:**
- **Monday:** James Gapen, Reinhold Meyer, Cilla Nadeau, Brian Pruh, Peggy Purdes, Ian Schumann
- **Tuesday:** Madelyn Schmidt
- **Wednesday:** Anita Cornelius
- **Thursday:** Everett Chase
- **Friday:**
- **Saturday:** Mason Brastad

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



Parents: Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



This Week at St. John's

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	4:00pm	Adult Basketball
	6:00pm	Adult Volleyball
Monday	MLK DAY – SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:30pm	History Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	12:00pm	Sr. Ministry Fellowship Event
	7:00pm	Board Meetings
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
Saturday	9:00am	PS-8 th Grade Open House
	5:00pm	Ninjas United Event
Sunday	NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK	
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• School handbells playing
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• All-school choir singing
	4:00pm	Adult Basketball
	6:00pm	Adult Volleyball