

News In Pews – December 2, 2018

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're glad to have you worship with us.
Visitors, please take time to fill in the Welcome Pad
with your name, address, and phone number.
May this worship experience inspire and encourage you!

The Mission of St. John Lutheran Church

“We are disciples of Christ, gathered to celebrate and sent into the
world to proclaim God’s Good News.”

Weekly Worship Services:

Thursday 5:00 p.m. Vespers Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Holy Communion

Service is broadcast over KRFO AM 1390 KCS each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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First Sunday of Advent

Texts for this week:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson: 1Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Texts for next week:

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Ministering This Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 am
Usher Captains: Bob Skalicky
Communion Captains: Ed Dinse
Radio Announcer: Russ Karlen
Greeters: Robert and Kim Dub
Acolytes:
Children's Message: Pastor Dave
Lectors: Arlene Elsner
Vault Duty: Ken Bloomenrader

10:30 am
Duane Kubat
Gene Peterson

Chris and Adrien Jacobson
Josephine Nguyen, Lileigh Nguyen
Pastor Dave
Gege Abraham
Kathy Gordon

Ministering Next Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00 am
Usher Captains: Brad Bloomenrader
Communion Captains: Jerry Lewison
Radio Announcer: Ron Marschel
Greeters: Ruth Vizina, Berniece Schroht
Acolytes: Anastasia Carreon-Sorensen
Madison Hinnenkamp

Children's Message: Melynda Schultz
Lectors: Mike Stormo
Vault Duty: Russ Karlen

10:30 am
Bob Bishop
Les and Jackie Getting

Milo and Vivian Quast
Lileigh Nguyen, Maxum Nguyen

Melynda Schultz
Sandra Ost
Sharon Arndt

St. John Worship Attendance - the Week of November 19-25 — 293

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

The Sunday radio broadcast is sponsored by Ken Bloomenrader; Brad, Martha, Holly, and Laura; Beth, Terry, and Taylor Eynch in memory of Bev Bloomenrader's birthday anniversary on December 4.

The Weekend Pantry

The Weekend Pantry is sponsored by the family of LaDonna Deming in memory of LaDonna's birthday on November 30.

Baptisms

Adeline Grace Kasper, daughter of Derrick Kasper and Baylee Nelson, will be baptized on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Adeline's sponsors are Creighton Houglum and Natasha Nelson. Adeline was born on September 18, 2018 in Owatonna, MN.

Isaiah Jace Nelson, son of Natasha Nelson, will be baptized on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Isaiah's sponsors are Baylee Nelson and Derrick Kasper. Isaiah was born on June 27, 2006 in Owatonna, MN.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will meet Wednesday, December 12 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Poinsettias

Please help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a poinsettia. Poinsettia orders will be taken through Sunday, December 16.

Pricing is \$9.00 for a 6" red poinsettia. You may place your order before and after each Sunday worship service or you may stop in the church office during the week. Order slips will be available in the narthex for the Saturday service attendees. Just complete the order form and place the form along with your payment in the offering plate.



Prayer Requests

Please keep the office and the pastor informed when you or a family member are hospitalized or in need of pastoral care. To have a name listed in *News In Pews*, or included in the prayers at all worship services, please call the church office, 451-7293.

Please pray for **Waylon Keck, Jeanne Maas, Barb Anderson, Arlene Sorensen, Mike Mussman, Hudson Linse, Addie Rothgarn, Sue Bueckler, Ruth Rhoades, Jamie Stowe, Liz Karlen, Luverne Tovson, Mike Oeltjenbruns, Harlan Redman, Nicole Head, John Slama, Vern Wilson, Gina Ford, Donna Schuster, Elizabeth Becker, June Freiheit, Joan Byrne, Tom Russell, Roberta Eiseman, and Jeff Bergman.**

Please pray for our **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** of our ELCA.

Please pray for **Bishop Steve Delzer**, of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Please pray for the process of electing a new bishop for our synod at our Synod Assembly in 2019.

Please pray for seminarians **Lexi Johnson** and **Josh Dub**.

Please pray for our public servants who God raises up to protect us:

Law Enforcement: **Lon Thiele, Keith Hiller, Christian Berg, Jason Matejcek, Tom Munns, Eric Rethemeier, Gene Fisher, Jeff Mundale, Jeff Ratzloff, Shawn Jore, Josh Sorensen and Matt Ratzloff**; Firefighters: **Mike Johnson, Dave Beaver, Kelly Hanson, Todd Ulrich, and First Responders.**

Please pray for **Pastor Wal Reat**, our South Sudanese brother in the faith who is over in South Sudan and Ethiopia establishing the new South Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSELCO).

Please pray for **Iambi Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania**, our mission partner. Also pray for missionaries **Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg**, ELCA medical missionaries also in that country.

Please pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia, Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez and staff.** (IELCO, pronounced "ee-el-co")

Please pray for the deployed: **Dillon Ost.**

St. John Red Cross Blood Drive

St. John will be hosting a one-day Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 7 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To make an appointment, you may call 1-800-733-2767 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Owatonna.

We are also looking for 4-6 volunteers to help that day with walk-in registrations, sign-ins, and refreshments. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 451-7293.



Community Events

Christ Lutheran Church in Preston, MN is having their **Norwegian Lutefisk and Meatball Buffet and Christmas Gift Shoppe** on Sunday, December 2. Reservations are recommended. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board by the Sunday School office for more details.



St. John Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 15, 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

Do you like to bake? Well, here's your chance to help out St. John. Our annual cookie walk will be held on Saturday, December 15, and we need lots and lots of homemade cookies and Christmas goodies, both in quantity and variety. Please consider donating a few dozen or more of your tasty treats. You may drop off your baked goods on Friday, December 14 between Noon—7:00 pm or on Saturday morning, December 15, between 7:00 am—9:00 am. Please use the kitchen door when dropping off your items.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO SPREAD THE WORD!





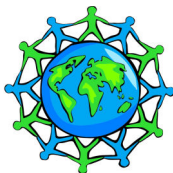
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

RE (7th and 8th grades)	Tuesday, December 4	7:15 am
RE (7th and 8th grades)	Wednesday, December 5	6:00 pm
Confirmation (9th grade)	Wednesday, December 5	6:00 pm
W.O.W.	Wednesday, December 5	7:07 pm
Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	Saturday, December 15	9:00 am (Speaking parts)
Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	Saturday, December 15	9:30 am (Everyone)
Children's Christmas Program	Sunday, December 16	10:30 am

Adult Education in the Fall—Global Mission

Why do Muslims call God Allah? What do Mormons think about the Bible? If you have ever wondered about these or similar questions then you should come to our new Adult Forum series. Join Pastor Jacie each Sunday morning in November through January from 9:15 am to 10:15 am as we take a look at a different faith each week and see the similarities and differences between these faiths and our Lutheran tradition. Our schedule will be as follows:



December

2nd Judaism
 9th Islam
 16th No Adult Forum
 23rd Buddhism
 30th Hinduism

January

6th Unitarian Universalist Association
 13th Eastern Orthodox Church
 20th Moravian Church
 27th Methodist Church

St. John Scrip Program

Buy Your Gift Cards Here! In addition to using SCRIP for your regular household purchases, SCRIP cards also make **EXCELLENT GIFTS!** Many of our local retailer SCRIP cards are on hand for immediate purchase. However, there are also hundreds of other retailers for which you can order cards and we can get them usually within a week. Please place your Christmas orders by **Sunday, December 16** to assure delivery. Stop by the SCRIP table on Sundays between services or at the church office during the week to purchase SCRIP. For any questions, contact the church office at 451-7293 or Gloria Zimmermann at 455-2346.

We have numerous local retail SCRIP cards in stock and many, many others (local and non-local) are available to order in. A complete retailer list can be found at www.glscrip.com or inquire at the church office.

You can also order physical gift cards, eGift cards, e-load your physical gift cards and in many cases redeem digital scrip right from your cell phone with **MyScripWallet**. MyScripWallet is supported on Apple and Android mobile devices. Just type www.MyScripWallet.com into the browser, create a login, and you'll be ready to shop. You will need the organization enrollment code for St John which is: 7EA76F2617LL2. It's also easy to make MyScripWallet an app on your mobile device. For questions on this you can contact Kelli Sackett at 456-1928 or see her in the Sunday School office during Sunday School.

Our October 2018 YTD profit earned was \$ 1,723.40. Thank you to all who support our SCRIP program through your purchases. It is greatly appreciated!

Missional Ministries Corner

Caring Cupboard: For the month of December, we are giving “paired” food items, such as Cake Mix/Frosting, Spaghetti Sauce/Spaghetti noodles, Tuna Helper/Tuna, Canned Soup/Crackers, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Chow Mein/Chow Mein Noodles, etc. Please put these items on or near the “Caring Cupboard” in the Narthex. They will be delivered to the **Steele County Food Shelf**.

Hospitality House: St. John is providing meals on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for the men at the Hospitality House. A sign up sheet is at the “Welcome Center” along with an information sheet. Thank you in advance for your help.

Weekend Pantry: We are continuing to work with other churches and schools in the community to help alleviate hunger through the Weekend Pantry. The intention of the Weekend Pantry is to help families who do not qualify for food assistance through government programs, but need a little extra help to make ends meet and provide meals for their families. Please consider “**Sponsoring a Weekend**” to help support this program. To sponsor your weekend, call the church office at 451-7293.

Greeting Card Ministry

This group meets the first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm and would welcome anyone interested in joining them to make and address these lovely, creative greeting cards. The finished reasonably-priced cards are on display in the narthex to purchase.

Quilting Ministry

The quilting group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am. These women would welcome anyone interested in sewing and socializing. A mid-morning coffee break is included. Try it out!

Coming Soon! A New Website!

St. John Lutheran is working with a new web designer to give our current website a makeover. Our new site will be easier to use and will allow us to do more things electronically. We will inform you when a date is determined for the launch of the new site. The web address will remain the same: www.stjohnowatonna.org. You can also find us at these other social media sites:

Facebook: St. John Lutheran Church Owatonna

Instagram: [st.john.lutheran](https://www.instagram.com/st.john.lutheran)

Twitter: [@stjohnowatonna](https://twitter.com/stjohnowatonna)

Snapchat: [stjohnowatonna](https://www.snapchat.com/add/stjohnowatonna)

Toys For Tots and the Angel Tree Gift Programs

St. John Lutheran Church is once again a drop-off site for the Toys for Tots of Steele County and the Family-to-Family of Steele County Angel Tree Christmas Project.

Toys for Tots

* Place toys in the designated box located in the narthex. If you choose to give cash or a gift card, you may place your donation in the offering plate clearly marked “**Toys for Tots.**” These gifts will be used to purchase toys.

Family-to-Family Angel Tree Christmas Project

* Select an angel; purchase the item indicated on the angel; place the unwrapped item under the tree, also located in the narthex, with the angel tag attached to it.

* If you choose to give a cash donation or donate a gift card, you may place those items in the offering plate clearly marked “**Family to Family.**” Cash donations will be used to purchase food cards while gift cards will be used to purchase toys.



The deadline to drop-off gifts for either program is December 12. Help brighten a child’s Christmas by donating to these worthy causes. All donations to these two programs remain under local control and are used for local families.

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 3	6:30 pm	Christian Service Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 4	7:15 am	RE— 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation
	9:00 am	Quilting
	12:00 pm	Owatonna Clergy
	1:30 pm	Fellowship Board Meeting
	5:00 pm	TOPS (Rm #39)
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Wednesday, December 5	8:30 am	Staff Meeting
	11:45 am	Men's Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Greeting Card Ministry Group
	5:15 pm	Handbell Choir
	6:00 pm	RE— 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation
	6:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, December 6	1:00 pm	Woman's Club of Owatonna
	5:00 pm	Vespers Worship Service with Holy Communion
Friday, December 7	12:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, December 8	8:30 am	Altar Guild-Decorate Christmas Tree and Chancel area
	5:00 pm	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, December 9	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	8:50 am	OHS Carolers
	9:15 am	Adult Forum / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Blended Practice

Pastor Dave Klawiter
Organist/Pianist: Shirley Erickson
Choir Director: Jim Hoffman

Pastor Jacie Richmond
Pianist: Joan Hoffman
Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Pedersen