

News In Pews – December 23, 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Texts for this week:

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Texts for next week:

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm: Psalm 148

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Ministering This Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:00 am
Usher Captains: Ted Mittelstadt
Communion Captains: Sandy Janke
Radio Announcer: Gene Nelson
Greeters: Keiven and Jackie Reider
Acolytes: Riley Kalbach, Grace Schroer
Children's Message: Melynda Schultz
Lectors: Marilyn Pedersen
Vault Duty: Jamie Tiedemann

10:30 am
Gene Nelson
Judy Oeltjenbruns

Doug and Toni Kubista
Torrin Smith, Mitch Seykora
Melynda Schultz
Gene Nelson
Jim Hoffman

Ministering Christmas Eve December 24, 2018

4:30 pm
Usher Captains: Duane Kubat
Communion Captains: Ed Dinse/ Jerry Lewison
Acolytes: Madison Homuth, Danika Ringhofer
Radio Announcer: Les Getting
Vault Duty: Ken Bloomenrader

9:30 pm
Bob Bishop
Julie Ebeling/Sharon Arndt

Tim Nelson
Steve Arndt

Ministering Christmas Day, December 25, 2018

9:30 am
Usher Captains: Gene Nelson
Communion Captains: Gene Peterson
Vault Duty: Barb Stormo

Ministering Next Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:00 am
Usher Captains: Bob Skalicky
Communion Captains: Ed Dinse
Radio Announcer: Gordy Zimmermann
Greeters: Jeff Kaplan
Acolytes:
Children's Message: Pastor Dave
Lectors: Jane Middlestadt
Vault Duty: Russ Karlen

10:30 am
Duane Kubat
Gene Peterson

Pat Giesler, Clarice Richardson
Torrin Smith, Mitch Seykora
Pastor Dave
Becky Haas
Julie Wuger

St. John Worship Attendance the Week of December 10 - 16 — 549

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

The Sunday radio broadcast is sponsored by Verlayne McKay in honor of Our Lord's Nativity.

The Weekend Pantry

The Weekend Pantry is sponsored by Fran Kubista in memory of Bernie Kubista.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser Was A Huge Success!

The Fellowship Board would like to give a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who donated and/or purchased cookies and to those who volunteered their time to make our Annual Cookie Walk a great success. Thank you again and God Bless!

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 **Betty Schultz, Luke Holthus, Waylon Keck, Jeanne Maas, Barb Anderson, Mike Mussman, Hudson Linse, Addie Rothgarn, Sue Buecksler, Jamie Stowe, Liz Karlen, Luverne Tovson, Mike Oeltjenbruns, Harlan Redman, Nicole Head, John Slama, Vern Wilson, 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, 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.**

Baptisms

Izabella Marie Brogren, daughter of Jason and Blair Brogren, will be baptized on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Izabella's sponsors are Bob and Shelly Baker and Brody Schreiber. Izabella was born on December 14, 2012 in Owatonna, MN.

Adilyn Ann Brogren, daughter of Jason and Blair Brogren, will be baptized on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Adilyn's sponsors are Bob and Shelly Baker and Bria Schreiber. Adilyn was born on October 16, 2014 in Owatonna, MN.

Myla-Jean Nicole Brogren, daughter of Jason and Blair Brogren, will be baptized on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Myla-Jean's sponsors are Bob and Shelly Baker and Bryce Schreiber. Myla-Jean was born on November 2, 2017 in Owatonna, MN.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship

St. John Lutheran will hold two Christmas Eve worship services both with Holy Communion on Monday, December 24:

Family Worship Service	4:30 pm
Candlelight Worship Service	9:30 pm

The Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion will be on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30 am.

NOTE: There will be NO Sunday school classes on Sunday, December 23 and 30.





CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

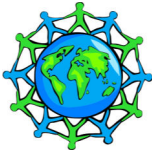
RE (7th and 8th grades)	Wednesday, January 2	6:00 pm
Confirmation (9th grade)	Wednesday, January 2	6:00 pm
W.O.W.	Wednesday, January 2	7:07 pm
RE (7th and 8th grades)	Tuesday, January 8	7:15 am

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 23 and 30.

There will be no RE/Confirmation classes on Tuesday, December 25 and January 1 and Wednesday, December 26.

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

23rd Islam II
30th Buddhism

January

6th Hinduism
13th Unitarian Universalist Association
20th Eastern Orthodox Church
27th Moravian 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. 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 November 2018 YTD profit earned was \$ 2,006.57. 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.

Annual Congregation Meeting

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 after the 10:30 am Blended Service. The Fellowship Board will provide lunch after the meeting.

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
Twitter: @stjohnowatonna **Snapchat:** stjohnowatonna

Your Story, God’s Story, Our Story Women’s Retreat

Are you looking for a new way to connect with God and also would like to connect with other women? St. John and Aurora Lutheran Churches are teaming up to provide such an opportunity. On February 22-24th we are hosting a women’s retreat at Shalom Hill Farm in Windom, Minnesota. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we discover how our story meets God’s story. The retreat starts at 6:30 pm so anyone can join after they finish work on Friday. The cost for the retreat is \$100 which includes a room and all meals. We do ask that you provide a \$20 deposit to secure your spot by January 6th. If you have any questions or would like to know more please contact Pastor Jacie.

NEW! Gather Magazine

We now have several copies of the **Gather Magazine** available at the Information Station, which is located in the Sunday School hallway just outside the Social Hall. Please feel free to take a copy to read and then return it for others to enjoy.

Radio Broadcast and Weekend Pantry Sponsorships

We have several Radio Broadcast and Weekend Pantry Sponsorship dates available! Please call the church office to reserve your date!

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 24

Office Closed

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Holy Communion

9:30 pm Christmas Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed

9:30 am Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 26

8:30 am Staff Meeting

11:45 am Men's Bible Study

1:00 pm Newsletter Crew

Thursday, December 27

5:00 pm Vespers Worship Service with Holy Communion

6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30

8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:15 am Adult Forum

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