



News and Notes

for
Saturday & Sunday
November 16, 17, 2019



SUNDAY (11/17)	Worship service -Praise	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
MONDAY	Quilting	9 am-3 pm
TUESDAY	Women's Bible study	1:00 pm
	Handbell rehearsal	5:45 pm
WEDNESDAY	CASE	4:30 pm
	Choir practice	6:30 pm
	Worship service -Brownsdale	10:15 am
THURSDAY	Crossways	10:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
	Gray Matters	7:30 pm
SATURDAY	Worship service	6:00 pm
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Holy Communion.

For us at St. John's the Lord's Supper is a very sacred and Holy Meal. If you would like to join us at this Sacramental Supper, please read the [laminated invitation](#) in the seat pocket.

Tithes and Offerings

If you are a guest visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to contribute to the offering plate when it is passed. Tithes and offerings are part of being a member of a church. This congregation would like to honor you as our guest today.

The Comfort of Prayer

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO COME ALONG SIDE OF YOU IN PRAYER, A SMALL GROUP WILL MEET NEXT TO THE ORGAN AFTER THE SERVICE. EVERYTHING THERE IS KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY.

Notes for the Lord's Supper For those with sensitivities to alcohol, non-alcohol wine is offered in the light colored cups in the center of the communion tray. Also, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please contact an usher, the pastor, or an elder before the service so this can be available.

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is given in memory of Rev. Curtis & Mary Schleicher given by family and friends. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for November are Doug and Donna Peterson

To sponsor a radio broadcast, contact Ellen Petersen at 433-6626 or 440-8070. The cost is \$150.00.

Sponsor the Internet broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$109 a month) Contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.



C.A.S.E – Christian After School Education. We will continue to teach the children the wonders of God's Holy Word. There are Bible lessons, games, music and snacks! All for free! For children going into 1st—6th grade.

Every Wednesday 4:30-6:30 pm.

Take It to the Lord in Prayer. Do you have a prayer concern or thanksgiving? Commend it to the Lord through your own prayers, but also through the loving service of our Prayer Chain. If you have an item you would like included on the Prayer Chain, please contact Miriam Luehmann at 437-7619 or email Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com

Attention Quilters The quilters meet on Mondays at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for the morning or the day. No sewing experience is necessary.

Ruby's Pantry: Grace Lutheran Church 2001 6th Avenue SE Austin, MN 55912, third Thursday of the Month. Doors open at 4:00 pm Distribution 5:00-6:30 pm

Script Orders – Thinking about ordering Script cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Script table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by today, **Sunday, Nov. 17**. The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Script table or bring it to the office.

We will still have the usual cards available after service.

TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER. DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR THANKSGIVING? COMMENT IT TO THE LORD THROUGH YOUR OWN PRAYERS, BUT ALSO THROUGH THE LOVING SERVICE OF OUR PRAYER CHAIN. IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED ON THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM LUEHMANN AT 437-7619 OR EMAIL MIRIAM.LUEHMANN@ICLOUD.COM.

This weeks Bible reading/praying challenge

November 17 Psalm 49
November 18 Psalm 50
November 19 Psalm 51
November 20 Psalm 52

November 21 Psalm 53
November 22 Psalm 54
November 23 Psalm 55

Praying for those who have left the faith: Do you have a family member, relative, or friend who was Christian, but has fallen away for our faith? Pastor Stohlmann invites you to an evening of sharing, encouragement, and prayer for these people. We will meet again on Monday, **NOVEMBER 18, 2019**, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Austin, at 7:00 pm. We will have time to share some of our stories, be encouraged by God's Word and then pray for these people. Come and join brothers and sisters in our faith from LCMS churches in our area.

We need volunteers to help with coffee/treats on Sunday morning. All you need to do is fill coffee cups and see that the treat is set out. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen next to the coffee maker.

This year's **Thanksgiving Eve service** is going to be something special! We are combining our worship celebration with Holy Cross – Austin, and Our Savior – Brownsdale. They have been invited to join us here at St. John's. Pastor Olana will preach. This will be a special service where we can give thanks to God for all that He has given to our congregations. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist ('Eucharist' is Latin for 'Thanksgiving' or 'Thankfulness') together with the other two congregations. May God keep us steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation of coats and/or hats, mittens and scarves to our 2019 coat drive. We were able to provide a winter coat to 123 adults and 95 children in our community. We also gave out 210 hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, 13 pair of snow pants and 10 baby blankets. Many will be warm this winter because of your generosity!

St John's Board of Evangelism Holy Cross Lutheran Our Savior's
Lutheran Brownsdale

Audio-Visual tech	Ethan Grant
Reader	Larry Waters
Ushers	Lyndon Grabau Dave & Sharry Watkins Ron Shatek
Communion Server	Tony Flerlage
Acolyte	
Organist	Doraine Graff
Prayer Ministry	John Schleicher Tony Kusick (Elder)

Scrip Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. *(FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!)* You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3-10% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, in-door nativity set, books and shelves for the library. Feel free to purchase any of the following Scrip cards after the service (or purchase them from the office secretary during the week):
Perkins: \$25, Kwik Trip: \$25, \$50, \$100
Culvers: \$10, Hy-Vee: \$50, \$100,

Pastor James Office Hours	
Monday	9-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	9-11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday Pastor James is working at home but can be reached by phone: 320-336-8149

Shoe Away Hunger If you have gently used shoes you no longer need, consider placing them in the box near the office. One pair of shoes can supply a family with seven days of essential groceries. Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHERS' TABLES.

Deadline for weekly insert is Tuesday evening.



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Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday: Adult Bible Class at 10:25 am led by Pastor James.

Sunday: Total Forgiveness at 10:25 am led by Thad Kusick

Tuesday: A women's Bible study on the book of **Hebrews** 1:00 pm at St. John's. Led by Sandy Groleau, LCMS Lay Minister. All ladies are welcome.

Thursday: Crossways Bible Study at 10:00 am goes through the entire Bible. Led by Sandy Groleau, LCMS Lay Minister. Study guides are provided.

Gray Matters meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. at Perkins Restaurant. Join us for a free-flowing discussion led by Pastor James.

Thursday: Men's Bible study, weekly at 5:00 pm - a topical study on the wisdom from the book of Proverbs. Facilitated by Dave Ruhnke

An encouragement for you to join your hearts in appreciation for all those dedicated people in our congregations who share their time and talents by singing in their church choirs. Choir members from Trinity-Janesville, St. Paul-Waseca, Trinity-Northfield, Peace and Trinity-Faribault, Good Shepherd-Owatonna, Bethlehem-Morristown, Trinity-Medford, Trinity-North Morristown, Trinity Lone Oak-Eagan and St. Peter-Waterville will lift our Thanksgiving spirits at a concert in the **Trinity Lutheran church, Faribault, on Sunday, November 24th at 2:30 p.m.** Following the concert, everyone is invited to continue expressing appreciation for these people at a FREE turkey-and-all-the-trimmings supper at the Faribault American Legion. Your presence lets these song warriors know that their commitment to their choirs is truly appreciated. The supper portion of the day requires your RSVP by Monday, November 18th. Call "I-don't-text" Curt at 507-330-5627 or e-mail curt@campomega.org for your reservation.

Mark your Calendars!

Holy Cross will have a St. Nicolas Fun Evening for Children on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Join them for a fun evening of story, activities, songs and gifts. It is one and half hour special event for children to learn the story of the saint who teaches us about Giving. This is a middle school and below Children's service and event with a special visit from St. Nicholas. Parents and families are encouraged to attend as well.

A light supper will be served.

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Austin, MN

TODAY IS “TEAM ST. JOHN’S” CELEBRATION!

Our Stewardship Board invites YOU to join in!

Darrel Bahn, Stan Rasmussen, and Carol Schleicher are ready for you.

First, please watch how God is working among our “Kids-St. John’s,” as THEY celebrate during today’s Children’s Message. Watch for *their* Spiritual Gifts, which God’s given even to young believers.

After worship, please come to Schleicher Hall for our yummy breakfast and “Who’s Who?” Bible Study. (Bibles will be on the tables.)

Our celebration of YOU, and identification of your Spiritual DNA/ your dominant Spiritual Gift will follow, in an “easy questionnaire” format. Then, you might be led to share with someone-- what you’ve discovered about *your* dominant Gift/ *your* “spiritual comfort zone.” As a whole group, we can discuss how “sharing the Gospel, within and outside of St. John’s” can be improved, by our confidence in KNOWING how God has created each of us...for HIS purposes.

Please plan to join in!

FYI: Sunday School Children will be attending their usual Opening and Christmas Program Practice. TOTAL FORGIVENESS class will not meet.



Ladies please Sign up for a secret Sister!

Fill out the sheet provided on the table along the east wall in the church and put it in the box provided. You will be assigned your secret sister the end of December so you can start encouraging your secret sister in January 2020!

Christmas Tea



"The Gift"

Dec. 12, 2019

The Christmas tea committee has been busy planning another special tea this year. We would like to invite the women and young ladies of St. John's along with their guests to start your Christmas activities by joining us at St. John's in Schleicher Hall Thursday, December 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will have hot cinnamon tea along with tea time treats. The Christmas Tea will be a time to come and reconnect with your friends and Jesus the One whose birth is the reason for the season's celebrations. Secret Sister reveal will be a part of the program. If you plan on a gift for your Secret Sister bring it along with you. Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin boards in either entryway soon. There will be a small charge of \$5.00 per person attending which will be collected at the door that evening. We hope to see you there for tea, tea time treats and fellowship.

The Christmas Tea Committee

Fellowship Opportunity

Lunch Bunch fellowship opportunity. Those interested will go out to lunch together once a month. **December lunch will be on Monday Dec. 09 at 1:00, place Kenny's Oak Grill 307 Oakland Ave. W, Austin.** We can choose a new restaurant each month. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call the church office if you are interested.

We would also like to take an occasional day trip so bring ideas.

Special Worship Services

Wednesday 11/27 Thanksgiving Day Eve 6:30pm

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Wednesday 12/4 Advent Worship Service 6:30pm

Wednesday 12/11 Advent Worship Service 6:30pm

Wednesday 12/18 Advent Worship Service 6:30pm

Tuesday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30pm

Wednesday 12/25 Christmas Day Service 10:00 am

Tuesday 12/31 New Years Eve Service 6:30 pm



Giving Tree

The St. John's Quilters now have a "giving tree" in the West entrance. There are mittens, hats, and scarves to be taken by anyone needing them or to be given to anyone you know who needs them. You do not need permission to take whatever you need to keep warm for winter weather. **Also, if you would like to donate anything to the tree, just hang it up!**