



# News and Notes

for  
Saturday & Sunday  
November 23, 24, 2019



<b>SUNDAY (11/24)</b>	Worship service	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Quilting	9 am-3 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Women's Bible study	1:00 pm
	Handbell rehearsal	5:45 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	CASE	4:30 pm
	Choir practice	6:30 pm
	<b>Worship service -Brownsdale</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	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** by Miriam Luehmann in Thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has showered in our lives and especially for the blessings of St. John's radio ministry. 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](mailto: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, Dec. 8.** 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.**



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!

### **Children's Christmas Program**

This year's Children's Christmas program is titled, "Journey to the Christ Child." An old fashioned Christmas pageant starring your favorite kids. All year long we teach the children God's message and God's plan. A plan that is fulfilled when Jesus, the Author of life, came down to earth as a little baby, to Mary and Joseph, to save the world. So come to support the children as they tell this awesome account on Sunday December 15 at our regular church service time. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday December 14, from 9:00 – 11:00 am

### **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

### **Christmas Decorating**

On Tuesday, December 3, Service committee #1 and the whole congregation will be decorating the church. We hope everyone shows up to make the task easy. We will need help after service on December 1<sup>st</sup> to get the Christmas decorations down. Please stay and help if you can.

Audio-Visual tech	Tim Carlson
Reader	Sandra Groleau
Ushers	Lyndon Grabau Dave & Sharry Watkins Ron Shatek
Communion Server	
Acolyte	
Organist	Annette Kiehne
Prayer Ministry	Carol Schleicher Tony Flerlage (Elder)

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

**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,

**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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### **This weeks Bible reading/praying challenge**

November 24 Psalm 56

November 25 Psalm 57

November 26 Psalm 58

November 27 Psalm 59

November 28 Psalm 60

November 29 Psalm 61

November 30 Psalm 62

**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)

**Cookies for Shut-ins** On December 8<sup>th</sup> the LWML will be collecting cookies for our shut-ins. Get out your favorite recipes and start baking. We want our shut-ins to know they have not been forgotten during the Christmas season.

### **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.

# Adult Bible Study Opportunities

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

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

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**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.

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

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

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**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

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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!**