



News and Notes

for
Saturday & Sunday
Dec. 14, 15, 2019



SUNDAY (12/15)	Worship service- Children's program	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
	Newsletter Deadline	
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
	Handbell rehearsal	5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY		
	CASE Christmas Party	4:30 pm
	Advent Service	6:30 pm
	Choir practice	7:30 pm
	Advent service -Holy Cross	10:15 am
THURSDAY		
	Men's Bible study	5:00 pm
	Gray Matters	7:30 pm
SATURDAY		
	Worship service w/communion	7:30 am
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	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
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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.

**2020 Offering Envelopes are available on a table on the east side of the sanctuary.
Please pick your envelopes up.**

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 Richard & Kaaren Wuertz in memory of their parents Lorenz & Velma Wuertz and Glen & Bernie Hovland. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for December are Adam & Alisha Meyer

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, Jan. 19.** 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.

Women's Bible study and Crossways will not meet until January, 2020. Women's Bible study will begin the study of Daniel in January. Please join us then.



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!

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 the Bible. 1:00 pm at St. John's. Led by Sandy Groleau, LCMS Lay Minister. On break until January 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. We will continue in January.

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

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.

Fellowship Opportunity Lunch Bunch fellowship opportunity. Those interested will go out to lunch together once a month. **January lunch will be on Friday Jan. 17 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.

This weeks Bible reading/praying challenge

December 15 Psalm 77

December 16 Psalm 78

December 17 Psalm 79

December 18 Psalm 80

December 19 Psalm 81

December 20 Psalm 82

December 21 Psalm 83

Audio-Visual tech	Tim Carlson
Reader	
Ushers	David Grant, Eric Grant, Ethan Grant, Jonathan Grant
Communion Server	
Acolyte	
Organist-Saturday	Doraine Graff
Prayer Ministry	Miriam Luehmann, Tim Carlson (Elder), Kathy Carlson

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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Special Worship Services

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

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!**