



# News and Notes

for  
**Sunday & Wednesday**  
**December 27 & 30, 2020**



<b>SUNDAY (12/27)</b>	Worship	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Praise service	11:00 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
	Women's Bible Study	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
	WORSHIP SERVICE	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
	NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE	6:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>SUNDAY (01/03)</b>	Worship w/communion	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00am
	Praise service w/communion	11:00 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm

**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 12:00**

**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.

**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.

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

**Total Forgiveness** is continuing. It will meet in Schleicher Hall. Led by Thad Kusick, Elder.

Other Bible Studies will resume in January.

## **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible study has started again. We meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. We are doing a verse by verse study of the Gospel of Luke. Join us in this free discussion.

## **GRAY MATTERS**

Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James has started up. We meet on **Wednesday** at 7:30 pm at St. John's following the Wednesday service. All are welcome. We will have room for social distancing. **Will Not meet until January.**

**Crossways Bible study** is being held at 10:00 am **Thursday** mornings and there is room to socially distance. Books are provided. Contact the church office if interested.

**Men's Bible Study** meets every **Thursday** 5:00 pm. Topics: Dec 3 - Life Is in the Blood, Dec 10 & 17 - The Star of Bethlehem video and discussion..

## Worship Services

### **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Sunday (Traditional)

10:00-11:00 Adult Bible study

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Praise Service)

### **Midweek**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday service (Traditional)

**Hebrews 3:6** But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

2021 offering envelopes are available for pickup along the east wall of the sanctuary.

**The live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is given in memory of Dalvin Augustin and in remembrance of Dalvin and Janet's wedding anniversary by Janet Augustin and family and friends. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors** for December are Pat & Arnie Mulso

**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.

**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)

**Scrip Orders** – Thinking about ordering Scrip cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Scrip table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, January 17**. The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Scrip table or bring it to the office. **We will still have the usual cards available after service.**

**From the Elders:** Worship attendance is slowly increasing. A concern among some members is possible COVID transmission by people not wearing masks when arriving and leaving worship. Elders are strongly recommending masks be worn when attending worship to protect others from possible transmission. Remember, you protect others, not yourself, when wearing masks.

We are offering is a system you can call to listen to is an abbreviated version of the worship service. The number you dial is: 518-906-1379. You will then automatically hear an abbreviated service from the previous Sunday.

**LWML** would like to remind the members of St. John's that we have a selection of cards for every occasion. The cards are in the card case in Schleicher Hall. Please come and check them out. The price is on the back of the box, just put your money in the little envelope and slip it in the slot. LWML Thanks You

Audio-Visual tech	
Organist-Sunday	Annette Kiehne
Organist-Wednesday	Annette Kiehne

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

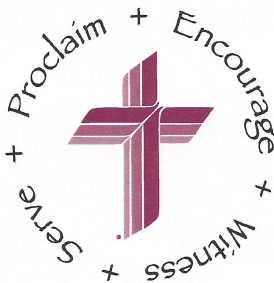
**Scrip** Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. *(FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!)* You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3-10% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, 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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## THANK YOU!!

We want to thank all of you who generously donated toward giving all of our shut-ins a poinsettia plant to enjoy during this Advent and Christmas season. We received enough for every shut-in.

Janet Augustin wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards she received. To God go the glory! Burlyn Delhary also wishes to thank everyone for the poinsettia plant and the cards.

**Blood Drive** – Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Austin MN to schedule an appointment.

Throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas Concordia University St. Paul invites you to "Go Tell It on the Mountain", a virtual Christmas concert premiering at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4. The concert can be viewed anytime from the premiere through January 15. Feel free to share the following link with family and friends:

<https://www.csp.edu/event/christmasconcert2020/>

Dear fellow Members of St. Johns,

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Radio Broadcast. The broadcast is an important outreach to our community in normal circumstances! During this time of a health crisis in our country it is even more important to continue supporting St. Johns Radio Broadcast to reach those folks who are shut-in or can't get out to worship. We are thankful to be able to continue this ministry because of your continued support. If you would like to make a donation to St. John's Radio Broadcast you can mail your donation to St. John's or to my home, Ellen Petersen 2805 5<sup>th</sup> AVE SW, Austin, MN 55912. The weekly fee is \$150.00 you can donate the total amount or any part of the amount. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a radio broadcast. Starting January 24, 2021, we have many broadcasts without sponsors.

God's blessing to all of you,  
Clayton and Ellen Petersen 507-433-6626