



News and Notes

Sunday

December 12, 2021



SUNDAY (12/12) WORSHIP	9:00 am
Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School/Bible Study	10:10 am
Worship-Praise	11:00 am
Confirmation class	6:00 pm
MONDAY	BOY SCOUTS
	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)
	1:00 pm
	Handbells Rehearsal
	5:30 pm
	Cub Scouts
	6:30 pm
	Church Council
	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	ADVENT SERVICE-HOLY CROSS
	11:00 am
	CASE
	4:30 pm
	Advent Service
	6:30 pm
	Youth Group
	7:30 pm
	Newsletter Deadline
THURSDAY	CUB SCOUTS
	6:30 pm
Friday	
SATURDAY	MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB
	7:30 am
SUNDAY (12/19) Worship w/communion	9:00 am
Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
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Worship-Praise w/communion	11:00 am
Confirmation class	6:00pm

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 Study

Pastor James is leading a Bible study on the Catechism in the fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study - meets at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. The study is "Mirror, Mirror". See yourself as God sees you, not as how you see yourself in the mirror.

Men's Bible Study - - We'll meet again on January 6th to study apparent contradictions in the Bible. Join us every Thursday from 5:00-6:00 pm

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study

11:00 a.m. Worship (Praise)

Midweek

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

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is given by Richard and Kaaren Wuertz in memory of their parents Lorenz and Velma Wuertz and Glen and Bernie Hovland. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for December is Stan Rasmussen. Everything to God's glory!

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.

Help Needed: We need people to volunteer to run the slides on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If this ministry is going to continue people must be willing to help. There is a sign up sheet at the computer with the slides. You can sign up as little or often as you like.

Funeral Planning Guides are available in the fellowship hall.

Men's Breakfast Club will meet Saturday, December 18th at 7:30 at Barley's Family Restaurant. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

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

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 the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, December 12th. The cards should be here in time for Christmas.** 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.

Advent services at Holy Cross will be held at 11:00 am each Wednesday.

Packets to complete the background check and Boy Scout training can be picked up in the metal cabinet drawer in the office labeled **Child Protection Policy**. Any member who will be participating as a teacher or chaperon is required to fill this out to follow our new guidelines. Please contact Kara Grant with questions.

Christmas dinner – Pastor James and Kerri would like to invite anyone who is alone on Christmas Day to join them for Christmas dinner. Please call Kerri at 320-280-0043 if you would like to come so that she can know how many to plan for.

Secret Sisters

The Christmas Tea will not be held this year so reveal your secret sister before the end of the year.

It is that time of year when we need to get out the winter wear. The tree is up in the west entry with hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. If you need an item or know of someone who is in need please feel free to take the items. Donations are welcome.

Church Basement Ladies

This musical comedy is coming to the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN on March 26, 2022. Contact the church office if you would be interested in a group going from St. John's. I am sure tickets will go quickly. Tickets are \$33 each.

Audio-Visual tech-9:00	
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Audio-Visual tech-Wed	Rocky Schammel
Organist-Sunday 9 am	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, indoor 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 News & Notes is Tuesday evening.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



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Advent/Christmas/Eve/Christmas Day

1. Sunday 12/19 Youth Christmas program
2. Wednesday 12/1,8,15,(22) Advent Services
(The 22nd may possibly be an additional Children's Program)
3. Friday 12/24 Christmas Eve services will be at 3:30pm and 6:30pm.
Last year we had four services to accommodate COVID issues. This year we will have two services. The 3:30 service for those who would rather not drive at night and the regular 6:30 service.
4. Saturday 12/25 Christmas Day service will be at at 9:00am.

Sunday School

Sunday school is back in session. We meet on Sunday mornings from 10:10 – 11:00 a.m. We meet as a whole group and have been focusing on the catechism.

During early December we will be practicing for the upcoming Christmas program. The Christmas program, "Journey to the Christ Child", will be Sunday, December 19th at 9:00 a.m. This program will include children and youth from preschool through high school. All children/youth are welcome to join us at St. John's on Sunday mornings.

Pastor James and Thad Kusick meet each **Wednesday at noon for lunch** at Bella Victoria. They would like to invite any interested members to join them.

Instead of having regular secret sisters this year we are trying something new. We have a signup sheet with all our shut-ins' names on it. We are asking you to pick a shut-in and mail cards to the person or persons you pick over the coming year. We have provided 12 address labels for each shut-in that can be picked up when you sign up. The object of the sign up is for us to keep track of the shut-in name that were signed for. Ideally all our shut-in will have someone that is sending them cards this coming year. This is not to be a secret let them know you are thinking of them by signing your name on the card. If you feel comfortable with visiting them do that as you are able. Target date for starting the mailings will be in January 2022.

Lutheran Hour Advent devotions are available on the table on the east side of the sanctuary.

MAIN STREET LIVING CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Main Street Living Choir!

Recording for the television program will be on Saturday, January 29 at 9 AM at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Please contact Amy Schutte at to reserve a spot!

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2075 70th St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

651-457-3929 X111 (for Amy)

Amy's Email: acschutte10@gmail.com

If we do not have enough singers, we will have to cancel so reserve a spot ASAP!
THANK YOU!