



# News and Notes

## Sunday

### December 19, 2021



<b>SUNDAY (12/19)</b>	<b>YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b>	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>	6:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>HANDBELLS REHEARSAL</b>	5:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT SERVICE-HOLY CROSS</b>	11:00 am
	CASE Christmas Party	4:30 pm
	<b>Advent Service</b>	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>	3:30 pm
	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	6:30 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b> w/COMMUNION	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY (12/26)</b>	<b>Worship w/communion</b>	9:00 am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Fellowship	10:00 am
	Sunday School/Bible Study	10:10 am
	Worship-Praise w/communion	11:00 am

### 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.

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

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 sponsored by Pastor John and Carol Schleicher in memory of Carol's parents Mel and Marie Precht. 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.

**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 the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, January 16th**. 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.

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.

### **Christmas Eve/Christmas Day**

1. 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.
2. Saturday 12/25 Christmas Day service will be at at 9:00am.

### **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	
Audio-Visual tech-11:00	
Audio-Visual tech-Wed	Rocky Schammel
Organist-Christmas Eve 3:30 pm	Doraine Graff
Organist -Christmas Eve 6:30 pm	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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



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**American  
Red Cross**

**Give Blood!**

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood!

**Austin Blood Drive**

**Tuesday January 11th, 2022**

**12:00 PM - 06:00 PM**

**Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
enter: Austin MN to schedule an appointment.**

**Walk-ins accepted.**

The Youth Group is having a Christmas Break get together on Wednesday December 29th from 7:30 - 9:30 pm in the Youth Room.

The Youth Group will be collecting coins again for the LWML Mite Box Challenge. This year the challenge will last one month. Please check out the bulletin board outside the Youth Room for our results at the end of the month!