



News and Notes

Sunday and Wednesday

December 4 and 7, 2022



SUNDAY (12/04)	WORSHIP w/ COMMUNION	9:00 am
	LIVE STREAMING & RADIO	9:00 am
	SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY	10:00 am
MONDAY	ELDERS	6:30 pm
	BOY SCOUTS	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	FROGS (MEN)	9:00 am
	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1:00 pm
	HANDBELL REHEARSAL	5:00 pm
	BD OF TRUSTEES	8:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	STEWARDSHIP	6:00 pm
	ADVENT SERVICE	6:30 pm
	CUB SCOUTS	6:30 pm
	YOUTH GROUP	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	SOCIAL MINISTRY	4:00 pm
	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:00 pm
	CUB SCOUTS	6:30 pm
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY (12/11)	SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM	9:00 am
	LIVE STREAMING & RADIO	9:00 am
	BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS	10:00 am

**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.

Pastor Krusemark can be called
for emergencies at
507-450-2012

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship (Traditional)

10:00 Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Advent Service

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Loraine Andree in memory of Loraine and Edward's parents Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hockemeyer and Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Andree. To God be the glory!

December's internet streaming is sponsored by Ruth & Vance Oelkers, "Thanking God for family"

Sponsor the Internet broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$117 a month) contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast the fee each week is \$150.00, contact Ellen Petersen for sponsorship, 507-422-6626. Thank you!

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, December 11th.** 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.**

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

Please sign the *Record of Fellowship*

located in your pew. Thank you!

It is that time of year when we pack goodies for our shut ins. Christian service #2 will be packing on **December 12**. Deadline for bringing in the goodies is **December 11**. Please leave them in the kitchen. Thank you, LWML

Reminder: The tree is up in the west entry. If you, or anyone you know, have a need for a cap, mittens or scarf feel free to take what is needed. Also, we have prayer shawls and lap robes to give to someone in need of extra care and love. Please contact one of the quilters or the church office.

The **Sunday School students** are busy practicing for our upcoming Christmas Program. The program will be on **Sunday, December 11th at 9:00 a.m.** There will be a birthday party celebrating Baby Jesus after the program at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall with cake and everyone is invited to attend.

We wish everyone a very blessed Christmas! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Call Update

The Call Committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Elders) has received a Call List of twelve pastors from the District office with accompanying information on each candidate. The committee met to begin to process this material on November 8, 2022 ahead of the Council meeting on the same evening. The members of the committee met again on November 16, 2022 and agreed to inquire of five candidates. After brief exchanges by phone with these five, three were willing to be considered for the call and so will constitute the preferred list. The committee intends to gather further information from the three pastors. Congregation members shall please submit questions or subjects to the Call Committee they would like explored with the candidates.

To preserve the integrity of this process, specific information on the candidates, including their names, will not be shared in communications that are accessible by the general public as, for example, on the church's website. Please then begin to watch the bulletin boards at church for communication from the Call Committee. In due course, the full Call List received from the District will be shared along with a list of preferred candidates screened by the Call Committee. Biographical and other information about the candidates on the preferred list will also be posted. Copies of all posted materials may also be prepared for circulation among the membership.

When a slate of preferred candidates and their biographical sketches are prepared, the Church Council will call a Call Meeting of the voters for election, publicizing it in the church bulletin at least two Sundays in advance. Please refer to Bylaw 1.0 PROCEDURE FOR EXTENDING DIVINE CALLS and Bylaw 2.0 MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION for more information.

In Christ, Pastor Krusemark

AV tech Sunday	Joanne Miller
AV tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel
Organist Wednesday	Doraine Graff
Organist-Sunday	Doraine Graff

Wanted – Volunteers for ushering.

If this is something you are interested in
please contact an Elder.

Lutheran Hour Advent Devotional booklets
are available on the usher stands

January – March **Portals of Prayer** are available
on the table by office

Please pick up your 2023 **offering envelopes**
from the table located at the east side of the
sanctuary

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, and 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.

Deadline for weekly News & Notes is Tuesday evening.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



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