



St. John's News and Notes

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sunday (12-17)	Worship w/Communion	9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Jesus' Birthday Party	10:15 am
Monday	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Handbell Rehearsal	9:00 am
Wednesday	Advent Service	6:30 pm
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday (12-24)	Worship	9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
	Christmas Eve Worship	5:30 pm

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

**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.

For our shut-in families desiring pastoral care or communion please contact Pastor Olana, (507) 438-3888, to set up a time. Pastoral visits typically take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship

6:30 pm Mid-week Advent Worship

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. To God be the glory!

December's internet streaming sponsors are **Bob and Therese Augustin** in honor of Bob's mom and dad, Dalvin and Janet Augustin. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

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.

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 21**. 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

Sunday School Youth Participating Today

Elizabeth Amaya
Brantley Steinbrink
Stilen Tovar
Junup Ruot

Ezrya Shuster
Nelainy Steinbrink
Khan Dup
Buokuoth Ruot

Jake Schwanz
Rose Snater
Jeremiah Ter

Aislee Steinbrink
Siles Tovar
Keat Ruot

Are you looking for a fun adventure? Pick out a book from our church library or book mobile.

Men's Bible Study – The man driving the Christmas story in this Bible study is none other than Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus. Host Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**, sheds light on one of the New Testament's unsung heroes in *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel*. Adding historical perspective to this study is scholar and best-selling author Dr. Paul L. Maier. Join us Thursdays, 5-6pm, starting November 30th, for this four session study of Joseph.

Let's Encourage Our Shut-ins!

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary. Please pick a shut-in to send cards and notes of encouragement to throughout this year. If you are comfortable with visiting you could visit your shut-in from time to time. All you have to do is sign your name by the shut-ins name you wish to send cards to for 2024. Pick up the paper with their name and address on it. Thank you all so much!

Organ Renovation Fund – Donations are welcome and encouraged to achieve the 3-year goal of \$50,000, and can be made in several ways: one-time donation, regular, weekly, monthly or annual donations, as a gift in memory of, or in honor of someone, as a memorial, in the form of cash, checks, tax deductible appreciated stocks, mutual funds, bonds, etc. Fund progress can be viewed on the graph at the back of the Nave. Please make any donations in addition to your regular giving as it isn't the intent to take away from ongoing needs.

LWML

We have an opportunity to get to know our fellow Christian women by signing up to be a **Secret Sister**. This is something we will do with Holy Cross and Our Savior's. Sign-up sheets are up - please consider this.

There are copies of **Advent Devotions** available on either usher stand.

Please note there will **NOT** be a 5:30 New Year's Eve service on December 31

AV Tech Sunday	Ellen Petersen
AV Tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel
Organist Sunday	Annette Kiehne
Organist Wednesday	Doraine Graff

Deadline for weekly **News & Notes** is
Wednesday evening.

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the
15th of the month.

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, 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.

Stewardship Thoughts

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1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

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