



# St. John's News and Notes Sunday, January 7, 2024

<b>Sunday (01-07) Worship w/Communion</b>		9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	Quilters	9:00 am
	Bd of Elders	6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm
	Bd of Trustees	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
	Handbell Rehearsal	5:15 pm
	Church Council	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Social Ministry	4:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
<b>Friday Blood Bank 11:00 – 5:00</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday (01-14) Worship</b>		9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 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 –

**507-450-2012**

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**

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Bible Study

The **live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is in thankfulness to God for the Radio Broadcast. *Psalm 9:1* "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." To God be the glory!

**January's internet streaming** sponsors are **Dick & Kaaren Wuertz** - "In gratitude to God for 60 years of marriage on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and for the blessing of their 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.

**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](mailto:Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com).

It's that time of year to curl up with a warm blanket and a good book!

Check the church library or bookmobile and sign out one of our great books!

The **2024 collection envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are on the table on the east side of the church. Please do so. Thank you, Stewardship Board

**Every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, starting on January 11, 2024, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Brownsdale, will host a study and conversation on grief.**

Granger E. Westberg's "Good Grief" is the book we will be reading along with the book of Job. For those interested in participating, the book can be picked up in the Narthex area.

I encourage you to think about taking part. The topic of conversation is grief in all its forms and how we may support those going through it in our community and relationships.

**- Pastor Olana**

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### **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!

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**Please note Handbell Rehearsal  
meeting time will now be 5:15 pm on Tuesdays**

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### **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.

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**Men's Bible Study - *Walk as Jesus Walked*** - discover how disciples of Jesus who are on fire with the message of His kingdom can literally change the world! Join us Thursdays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, and examine your own passion to be like Jesus and impact your world with His message.

AV Tech Sunday 9:00	Ellen Petersen
Organist Sunday 9:00	Doraine Graff

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

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the  
*15<sup>th</sup>* of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** – will resume  
Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Red Cross Blood Bank is **Friday** of  
this week, from **11 am to 5 pm**

**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

### January 7 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Mark 1:7 – “And [John] preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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