



# St. John's News and Notes

## Sunday, December 22, 2024

<b>Sunday (12-22) Worship</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>Tuesday Worship</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>Wednesday Worship w/Communion</b>	9:00 am
<b>Thursday Men's Bible Study</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday (12-29) Worship</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study	10:15 am

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  
Wednesdays and Fridays.

**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.

## **Worship Services**

### **Sunday**

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Education Hour

### **Tuesday**

1:00 Women's Bible Study

### **Thursday**

5:00 Men's Bible Study

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Joel and Marsha Jensen in memory of their parents, Millem & Blanche Jensen and Geraldine Raymond and Marvin Smith.

December live streaming is sponsored by **Kaaren and Dick Wuertz** in memory of their parents, Lorenz & Velma Wuertz and Glenn & Bernice Hovland. "What a blessing to have had Christian parents."

**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.

**The Radio Broadcast still has one opening late December.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast the fee is \$150.00 per week. Contact Ellen Petersen, or drop off a check in the church office payable to St. Johns Radio Broadcast. 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, January 19.** 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).

***Special Voters Meeting*** - *There will be a special voters meeting on Sunday, January 12th. The call committee will recommend that voters approve a call to Pastor Shayn M Jonker (pronounced yonker) to be our pastor. The meeting will convene after the worship service at 10:15.*

**Men's Bible Study** - *On the Life, & Ministry of the Messiah* video-based Bible study weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographic contexts and reveals insights into Scripture's significance for our lives today. Thursdays at 5:00 in the conference room.

**Women's Bible Study** - We meet on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm. We are currently studying the book of Isaiah "Herald of the Messiah." If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Pam Reistad at 507-440-1939 or just come to the Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:00. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Quilters Welcome Donations**

The quilting ladies would appreciate any donations of clean sheets – flat or fitted, any color, any size, would work.

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### **United Way Winter Wear Donations**

We will be participating in a project to collect winter clothing suitable for students. Please bring any donations you may have to the special box in the east entry. More information can be found on posters found on bulletin boards in both entries.

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Henry Aaron Snater, son of Elizabeth and Aaron Snater, will be baptized today.

His sponsors are Shai vanderploeg and Braiden vanderploeg.

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There is a **sign-up sheet to adopt a shut-in** on the table east side in the church. Please sign up to send cards and encourage our shut-ins from time to time in 2025. Our shut-ins enjoy company and receiving greetings from our members. Please brighten the day of a shut-in.

AV Tech Sunday	Rocky Schammel
Organist Sunday	Doraine Graff
Organist Christmas Eve	Doraine Graff
Organist Christmas Day	Annette Kiehne

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

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

**Please pick up 2025 envelopes from the  
table on the east side of sanctuary.**

**Hard of hearing?** Headphones and  
receivers are available to assist in listening  
during our worship services. Talk to  
Rocky Schammel, David Ruhnke or an  
usher for help.

## December 22 – Advent IV

Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

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KAUS 1480 AM Sun. 9:00am



**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.

