



St. John's News and Notes

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Sunday (12-21) Worship w/Communion	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study	10:15 am
<i>No Sunday School</i>	
Monday	
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm
	Handbells Rehearsal 5:15 pm
Wednesday	Christmas Eve 5:00 pm
Thursday	Christmas Day 9:00 am
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday (12-28) Worship	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study	10:15 am
<i>No Sunday School</i>	

**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 Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Bible Study

Tuesday

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday

5:00 Men's Bible Study

Attendance

Wed. 12/10 – 28 Sun. 12/14 - 42

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Merrill and Bonnie Meier in thankfulness to God for their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kaaren & Richard Wuertz would like to sponsor streaming in December. "Thanking God for giving us Christian parents. We are blessed with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who love God. We also appreciate Pastor Voelker for his devotion to St. John's and our church 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.

The Radio Broadcast is in need of sponsors: If you would like to sponsor a broadcast the fee is \$150.00 a week. Contact Ellen Petersen, or drop off a check in the church office. 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 18**. 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.

The *Portals of Prayer* for January - March, 2026 are located on the table on the east wall in the church sanctuary. There are also extras for you to give to family and friends or anyone who can use it.

Giving Tree

The LWML Giving Tree is up in the west entry. Anyone in need of a hat or gloves please feel free to take what is needed.

Adopt a Shut-in

There is a sign-up sheet to adopt a shut-in on the table on the East side of the sanctuary. Sign your name by a shut-in's name and remember them from time to time throughout the year. A phone call, a visit, or a card to brighten their day.

Please note: New Year's Eve service is at 5:00 pm
(not 9:00 am as noted on calendar)

A reminder from the LWML: We have a great selection of greeting cards for sale in Schleicher Hall, west end. We have get well, birthday, thinking of you and holiday cards. Just pick the cards you want and leave the money in the envelope and put it in the slot. The cards are very reasonable prices so have yourself a look!

Thank you - St. John's LWML.

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.

AV Tech Sunday	Joanne Miller
AV Tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel
Organist Sunday	Carol Blomberg
Organist Wednesday	Carol Blomberg

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.

December 21 – Advent 4

Matthew 1:21 – “**She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus’ love has done!



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