

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

SERVING TODAY - Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Rex, Kendall, Bob; 10:45 – Matt, Nick, Mike, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Jack; 10:45 – Eli & Kai.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Linda, Rick, Lois, Keith, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Jaclyn, Allie Pelafos, Jacob; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Baptism – Maiben Joy will be baptized during the 10:45 service today. Maiben was born on September 30, 2021 to Jacob & Hannah. Her sponsors are Kaleb and Emma. We welcome Maiben into the Lord’s Family!

Voter’s Meeting – There will be a Budget Voter’s Meeting in the Fellowship Hall,
Sunday, December 12th, at 1:00pm.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Advent Service, 5:45 Midweek, 7:15 Advent Service
Friday	5:30 Family Advent Night
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Advent Dinners – This year, the dinners will be hosted in partnership with the 7th and 8th grade students and families. Proceeds from the dinners will go toward St. John Youth and the 7th and 8th grade class trip. The first dinner on December 1st will be Soups & Chili. The school families will be providing the main meal. There will be a sign-up sheet for desserts posted on the Youth bulletin board by the church office.

St. John Boys Basketball Game – Come out on Thursday, December 2nd and cheer for the Rams as they take on Trinity, Danville. Tip-off is at 6pm. Go Rams.

Family Advent Night – All St. John Families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 3rd, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have a pizza dinner, crafts for kids, devotions, singing of Christmas carols and cookie decorating. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

Trivia Night –Saturday, February, 5th, 2022 – Come out and join us for our Second Annual Trivia Night where you can have fun while raising money for our school. The evening's trivia theme will be "All Things TV". Participants will compete in nine rounds of trivia with fun categories that delve into various aspects of TV pop culture from the last 60 years. Other events like a Gift-Card Bidding Frenzy, Heads-or-Tails game, and a Dessert Auction round out the evening. Tickets go on sale in between services in the fellowship hall next Sunday, December 5. -\$120 for a Team Table (8 players per table), \$15 for Individuals (Individuals will be teamed up with other players). Admission includes popcorn and soft drinks. Players are encouraged to bring their own snacks to share with their table. Ideas include pizza, sandwiches, or chips and dip. Save dessert for a delicious item from the Dessert Auction. Individual and Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Levels begin at Ram-Shout Out for \$25 and go to Premier Sponsor for \$1000. For details, contact the school office.

See's Candy Fundraiser – Order Deadline – Friday is the last day to order See's Candies. Select from a wide variety of chocolates and other sweet treats. Order online anytime and your order will ship directly to you. Contact the school office with any questions. <https://bit.ly/StJohnSees>

#1 Nails Offer – The owners of #1 Nails on Marketview Dr. are parents of students at Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School and have offered a special deal on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Mention "St. John Little Lamb" and 10% of proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. (Gift Cards available.)

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 th -5 th	Room 1C
K-1 st	Room 4A	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

Thank You – Thanks to all my friends at St. John for their prayers, cards, and calls during my surgery and current treatment. They were much appreciated. Barb.

Sunday School Christmas Program – The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 19th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday School on December 5th and 12th. They will also be practicing the songs during the openings leading up to the program. We look forward to their message.

December/January Deadlines – Please send in all bulletin information for the months of December and January as well as newsletter information for January into the church office as soon as possible. Deadlines will be moved up to ensure everything is completed on time. Thank You.

Hat and Mitten Tree – Once again, we will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc... This year donations will go to Lutheran Child and Family Services. Donations can be placed on the tree by the school office starting on Monday, Nov. 29th. The last day to bring in items will be Monday, Dec. 13th. Thank you.

E.A.T. Night – During this busy holiday season, take a night off from cooking and pick up a delicious Pronto Pack from Biaggi's. On Monday, December 13th from 4-8pm, St. John Lutheran School will get 10% back from all Pronto Pack and Gift Card sales. Simply say you are with St. John's when you pick up your food or buy your gift card. Pick up is curbside only at the Biaggi's in Champaign at 2235 S. Neil St. Call 217-356-4300 to order by phone or place an order online at order.biaggis.com. All are welcome to bring their meals back to the Fellowship Hall to dine together from 4pm-7pm. Drinks and desserts will be provided by St. John PTF.

The Church Office email is now [churchoffice - at - stjohn-lcms.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohn-lcms.org). Thank You.

Amazon Wishlist – Our teachers have created wishlists on Amazon. Visit the school website www.stjohnls.com to see each list. For other donations and giving opportunities, contact the school office.

Cookbooks – St. John cookbooks are still available for \$10 each. You may purchase them through the office. Thank you.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition – Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

Hymn 357 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 50:1-6

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptizer – Luke 1:57-80

The Nativity of Our Lord – Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus Christ Is Announced to Shepherds – Luke 2:8-14

The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem – Luke 2:15-20