

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
New Member Sunday

December 4, 2022
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – John, Jeremy, Nick, Dan; 10:45 – Matt, Chris, Jim, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Henry; 10:45 – Noah & Jordan. **Instrumentalist:** Judy, recorder.

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 – The altar flowers are given today in honor of Jim and Jennifer who are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on December 8. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Mimi; *for healing and recovery:* David- grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley- great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Alex, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* John, Brian, Charlie; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Dot, Gilbert.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Advent Service; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:00 Handbells; 7:15 Advent Service
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 7:00 Men's and Mixed Choirs
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

Office Email – The church office email address is churchoffice - at - stjohncmcs.church.

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 by December 13th. Deadlines will be moved up to ensure everything is completed on time.

New Member Recognition – Fellowship Board will be recognizing and welcoming our new members and those who transferred into our church. This is also for those who became new members during the COVID lockdown. Please come and join us for fellowship and cake today in between services.

Advent Meal – The 6th and 7th grade families will be hosting the dinners after the 3:30 Advent service the next two weeks (December 7th & 14th). They will serve a variety of soups for both dinners. If you would like to donate an item for the meal, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. All proceeds will go towards their class trip taken during the 2023-2024 school year.

The LWML is collecting Hats, Gloves or Mittens, Winter scarves and shampoo and body wash for Empty Tomb for their Holiday Baskets. These items can be purchased at Dollar Tree and placed in the basket in the Coat Room through Sunday, December 11. LWML is asking the congregation for assistance in providing these items. Several ladies will be taking the items to Empty Tomb to help fill baskets the week of the 12th of December. Empty Tomb fills about 80 family baskets each Christmas. Contact Jan B.

Hat and Mitten Tree – Once again, the school will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc... Donations can be placed on the tree by the school office. The last day to bring in items will be Monday, Dec. 12. This year donations will go to a local charity.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

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

Sunday School – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

New Member Sunday – Today we will have an acknowledgement of our new members who have joined through Transfer of Membership and Affirmation of Faith.

Transfer of Membership – Jon & Jaylyn with children Lillian and Nicholas, Devon with children Annie and Jack

Affirmation of Faith – Stephen

Reinstatement of Members – Lynne

E.A.T. Night – Thank you to all who supported the November E.A.T. Night at Monical's. The total amount raised was almost \$470. The December E.A.T. Night will be at El Rancho Grande in Savoy (behind Aldi) on Monday, December 12th ALL DAY. Be sure to bring in a flyer or show an electronic copy to ensure St. John receives 20% of the proceeds. (Gift card and alcohol sales are excluded.) Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website.

St. John School Christmas Program, Tuesday, December 13th, 6:30pm – Our students (Little Lamb-8th grade) will present Lessons & Carols in a service that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Savior. Please join us in the school gym for this joyous event.

Sunday School Christmas Program -The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday School on December 4th and 11th. They will also be practicing the songs during the openings leading up to the program. We look forward to their message.

Young Adults – There has been interest expressed in having a young adults group at church as a way to enjoy fellowship with others of similar age. If this comes into fruition, it would begin at the first of the year. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 who would be interested please contact Sara.

Witness and Outreach – Matthew 3:1-12: John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for the first coming of His Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We, like John the Baptist, have the opportunity to give a bold witness to Jesus, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. May the Holy Spirit bless our witness and use it to change hearts for eternity.

Budget Voter's Meeting, Sunday, December 11th at 1:00pm.

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 Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Bible Passage: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Hymn 332 *Savior of the Nations, Come* (v 3-5)

Psalm 24

Bible Readings for the Week:

Christ's Birth is Foretold to Joseph – Matthew 1:18-25

The Visitation – Luke 1:39-56

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