

**This Week's Event Calendar**



**January 13, 2019**

**Welcome to St. John's**

*We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together on this day. We pray that in this time of worship you will EXPERIENCE the good news of God's love, so that together we might be sent out into the world to LIVE as DiSCIPles and SHARE the love of Jesus Christ.*

**Baptism of Our Lord**

John preaches a message of repentance and baptizes all with passion. But when his cousin Jesus requests to be baptized, John wonders if God could possibly approve such a thing. Perhaps an affirmation from heaven will reassure him.

**Parents of Young Children**

We are so glad you are here and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! We have a few suggestions for your worship experience:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- It can be helpful to sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- Sing songs loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be, too!
- There are Story Bibles at the back of the worship space. Your child is welcome to read, look at, and use this Bible. If you would like to take one home, talk to Pastor Dave.
- Teach children some of the basic prayers. Being able to join in with the prayers helps them feel they are contributing, too. Also, it can be helpful to explain to your child what is happening during the service.

**To those who are sitting near worshiping parents and children:** A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful songs of praise.

**To enhance your worship experience** there are several items available on or near the Usher's Cart at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

- Activity bags for children & SPARK Bibles
- Children's bulletins
- Hearing enhancement devices (available at the sounds booth)
- Large print Bibles

**Attended Nursery**

An attended nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It is located down at the end of the hall to the left of the sanctuary as you enter the building. (southwest corner).

**Restrooms**

Are located down the hall to the left of the sanctuary as you enter the Building. (southwest corner).

**Welcome Pads**

Are at the end of each pew. Please fill them out completely and pass them to those sitting next to you.

**Bibles**

Members and friends are encouraged to utilize the pew Bibles that are available in worship. If you do not have a Bible, please visit our Welcome Center and St. John's will be happy to give you one.

**Bulletin Board**

Available at the Bulletin Board in the hallway are the current Good News Newsletter and The Lutheran Magazine. Please help yourself.

**Welcome Center**

We invite our first time guests to stop by the Welcome Center near the front doors where each family will receive a gift from our congregation.

**Offering Envelopes**

For your convenience, general offering envelopes are available at the ushers cart.

**Check out all our on goings at [www.stjohns-annandale.org](http://www.stjohns-annandale.org)**

**Ministers** - All the baptized

**Lead Pastor** - Dave Nelson

**Pastor** - Alex Becker

**Accompanist** - (8:15am) Orma Lou Jacobsma  
(10:30am) Rejoice Band

**Acolytes**

(8:15am) - Clara Wall & Bryn Fahey  
(10:30am) - Julia Segner

**Greeters/Welcome Center**

(8:15am) - Ron & Linda Dircks  
(10:30am) -

**Altar Guild** - Amy Hegge  
Donna Jacobson

**Reader**

(8:15am) - Jennifer Kulm  
(10:30am) - Peggy Bodell

**Audio/Video Techs**

(8:15am) - (A) Mike Miller (V) Jake Seaberg  
(10:30am) - (A) (V) Emily Combs

**Ushers**

(8:15am) - Ron Johnson  
- Gail & Kevin Bergstrom  
(10:30am) - Todd & Hope Sykora Family  
- Drew & Donna Jacobson

<b>Today</b>	8:15am Traditional Worship w/Communion 9:30am JOLT 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship w/Communion	6:00pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Small Groups 7:05pm Worship 7:30pm AA Mtg.—Ed Building 7:45pm Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>	9:30am Hands For Hope 5:00pm Girls Scouts—Ed Building 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Church Council	<b>Thursday</b> 9:30am Annandale Christian Women Board Mtg. 10:00am Newsletter Deadline 3-4:30pm Pastor Dave at McDonald's 6:00pm Worship Band Practice
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 11:30am 55+ Potluck 6:00pm Worship & Music 7:00pm Exec. Committee Mtg.	<b>Friday</b> 5:30pm Family Game Show Night
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Staff Meeting 5:15pm D-Way Dinner Large Groups	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Sunday</b> 8:15am Traditional Worship 9:30am JOLT 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Contemporary Worship

**Condolences**

**Betty Freeman and family**—the death of her sister Joann

**Healing-Members of St. John's**

**Marge Lundeen** - recovering from knee replacement  
**Milt Froehlich** - prayers for healing  
**Verna Dahnke** - prayers for healing  
**Patty Behrends** - prayers for healing from shoulder replacement  
**Pam Lamb** - prayers for healing  
**Warren Hogberg** - prayers for healing  
**Tom Johnson** - prayers for healing  
**Dave Carlson** - prayers for healing  
**Charles Lamb** - prayers for healing  
**Duane Dietz** - prayers for healing  
**Mary Schultz** - prayers for healing  
**Pat Larson** - in remission from multiple myeloma  
**Eloise Stram** - prayers for healing after aortic aneurysm surgery  
**Maria Johnson** - prayers for healing  
**Delores McPadden** - prayers for healing  
**Frances Snabb** - health concerns  
**Shirley Schmitz** - Prayers for healing from her stroke  
**David Stay** - Son-in-law of Pat & Lonnie Baack - prayers for healing  
**Virginia Marohn** - prayers for medical testing  
**Mara Jacobson** - prayers for healing  
**Bob & Vivian Henry** - health concerns  
**Wayne Mader** - health concerns  
**Gladys Johnson** - health concerns  
**Lorraine Johnson** - prayers for healing  
**Jenny Klein** - prayers for continuing treatment and scans for metastatic breast cancer  
**Orma Lou Jacobsma** - heart health concerns  
**Pr. Ed Groop and Margaret Groop** - health concerns  
**Lynda Leonard** - health concerns  
**Pastor Dave** - health concerns  
**Larissa Wadman** - medical concerns  
**Laverna Anderson** - health concerns

**Assisted Living/Care Center Facilities**  
**Hazel Strand** - at Watkins Assisted Living  
**Elizabeth Olson** - at Annandale Care—Centennial Villa  
**Verna Dahnke** - at Watkins Assisted Living  
**Dave Carlson** - at Annandale Care Center  
**Barb Beals** - at Annandale Care Center  
**Bernadine Buranen** - at Annandale Care Center  
**Betty Freeman** - assisted living  
**Ruby Geisinger** - memory care  
**Don Hausken** - at Guardian Angels in Elk River, MN; health concerns  
**Barb Tasa** - at Parkview Care of Buffalo, health concerns

**Healing-Family & Friends of St. John's**

**Ava** - great niece of Betty & Maynard Nilson—5 month old with RSV  
**Jim** - son of Mary Gunnerson-doing well, back at work on medication after having a stroke  
**Joe** - dad of Laurie Laney-prayers for healing

**Malorie, Dan, & their newborn twins** - prayers for healing for one of the twins as they are at Children's Hospital with difficulty breathing  
**Melissa Harapat** - cancer diagnosis, prayers for healing  
**Richie** - Son of Roger & Peg Beuning  
**Andy McBride** - Nephew of Pr Dave & Diane Nelson—West Nile Virus - prayers for healing  
**Kathy Scott** - Sister of Susan Schwanke—prayers for healing from cancer  
**Robyn** - Daughter of Dan & Sue Nelson—prayers for healing  
**Barb Weigand & Family** - Friend of Shirley Schmitz—prayers for tests & procedure for a tumor in her esophagus  
**Gracie Krohn** - Family of Mary Gunnerson—12 year old Gracie diagnosed with brain tumor. Prayers for successful surgery and recovery.  
**Sharon Niemela** - Sister-in-law—prayers for healing after surgery  
**Jane** - Cousin of Shirley Schmitz—prayers for favorable test results  
**Curtis Hermanson** - Father of Mindy Carlson—cancer  
**Jim McBride** - Diane Nelson's Father—stage 4 kidney failure  
**Abby Salmela**-friend of Heather Jensen—treatment for non-Hodgkins lymph  
**Paige (12yrs)**-friend of Iona Rozenberg—in residential mental health treatment  
**Nick Bodell** - Son of Peggy Bodell - prayers for his PTSD  
**Ena** - Cousin of Tom & Jo Heyd - comfort for her broken back  
**Angela Orr** - Daughter of Deb Orr - cancer treatment  
**Carol Oldham** - Samantha (Steve) Duret's mother; health concerns  
**Eddie** - Pat Larson's friend's 10 yr. old grandson; heart transplant, doing well  
**Kevin Lehse** - Son of Lloyd & Alois Lehse; receiving chemo, in remission  
**Pamela Petersen** - Bev Sorensen's daughter; prayers for healing  
**Bill Peterson** - Loretta Peterson's son; is physically improving, back to work,  
**Henry Dolan** - grandson of Skip & Cathy Dolan—heart transplant recipient  
**Brent Harapat** - Pray for healing and recovery for this young husband & father  
**Debbie** - Gary (Sandy) Porter's sister, stg 4 non-Hodgkins lymphoma - chemo  
**Kathy Ruprecht** - Nikki Neumiller's mother, cancer has shrunk slightly—continue to pray

**Andy Beuning** - Son of Roger & Peg Beuning, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis

**Support**

**Zac Sykora** - Son of Hope & Todd Sykora; MN National Guard  
**Jessica Forness** - Joint Base Goose Creek, SC - US Navy  
**Lorenzo Swanson** - Grandson of John & Diane Swanson-Camp Lejeune, NC Marines  
**Alec Swanson** - Grandson of John & Diane Swanson-Columbus, MS Air Force  
**Seth & Samantha Johnson** - Grandson of Lloyd & Maria Johnson-US Navy, Norfolk, San Diego—deployed  
**Sean Johnson** - Grandson of Lloyd & Maria Johnson-US Navy- FT Hueneme, CA - deployed  
**Robin (Ekholm) O'Connor & Jesse O'Connor** - Daughter and son-in-law of Bryan & Lucy Ekholm-Okinawa, Japan-Air Force  
**Mckenna Ekholm** - Daughter of Bryan & Lucy Ekholm-Co. Springs,CO-Air Force  
**Erin Schwanke** - Daughter of Ron & Sue Schwanke, Coronado, CA- U.S. Navy  
**Melanie Nelson & David Kingry (spouses)** - In Bukoba, Tanzania through the Metropolitan New York ELCA & Global World Mission.

**Note: If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please inform the church office. In an effort to keep the list current and accurate, we will be updating/removing prayer requests on a monthly basis; please contact [info@stjohns-annandale.org](mailto:info@stjohns-annandale.org). Thank you!**

**Please drop any prayer requests in the offering plate or the box by the office—Thank you!**

Worship attendance Sunday, January 6: 220—Wednesday, January 9: 48



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Your only son came to impart the Spirit's power and mercy to all. May our hearts receive him and turn from the ways of selfish pride. We ask this in the name of Jesus the anointed one, our savior and lord. Amen.*

#### 8:15am Service

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 Invocation  
 Confession  
 Announcement Of Forgiveness  
 Song Of Praise: "All Earth Is Hopeful" ELW 266  
 Prayer Of The Day  
 Chancel Choir: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
 by G. Kendrick & J. Schrader  
 Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 2 in your pew Bible)  
 Kids Time  
 Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 (pg 2 your pew Bible)  
 Sermon: Pastor Alex Becker  
 Song Of The Day: "Oh, Love, How Deep"  
 ELW 322 v 1-4  
 Prayers Of Intercession  
 Sharing Of The Peace  
 Offering  
 Offertory Song: "Prepare The Royal Highway"  
 ELW 264 v 1 & 4  
 Offertory Prayer  
 The Great Thanksgiving  
 Words Of Institution  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 The Invitation  
 The Meal  
 Songs During Distribution:  
 "As The Grains Of Wheat" ELW 465  
 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461  
 "Eat This Bread" ELW 472  
 Post Communion Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Blessing  
 Sending Song: "Baptized And Set Free"  
 ELW 453 v 1-4

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 P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**  
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#### 10:30am Service

Gathering Songs  
 "Holy Spirit"  
 Welcome  
 Invocation  
 Confession  
 Announcement Of Forgiveness  
 Song: "No Longer Slaves"  
 Prayer Of The Day  
 Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 2 in your pew Bible)  
 Kids Time  
 Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 (pg 2 your pew Bible)  
 Sermon: Pastor Alex Becker  
 Song Of The Day: "All The Poor And Powerless"  
 Prayers Of Intercession  
 Sharing Of The Peace  
 Offering  
 Offertory Song: "Great Are You Lord"  
 Offertory Prayer  
 The Great Thanksgiving  
 Words Of Institution  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 The Invitation  
 The Meal  
 Songs During Distribution:  
 "Forever Reign"  
 Post Communion Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Blessing  
 Sending Song: "Awake My Soul"

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**Next week's reading**—January 20—Matthew 4:1-17

For your convenience we have provided a QR code  
 you can scan from your QR reader app on your phone.



"I Give Electronically" cards are available at the Usher Cart - please place in the offering plate.

### 55+ Potluck—January 15 at 11:30am

Come enjoy "Covers Up" - a presentation of quilts by Mary Iverson, music by Arlene Sands and wonderful fellowship. Bring a dish to share!

### Family Game Show Night

Do you enjoy the game shows from past and present? Shows like the Family Feud, Minute to Win-It, games from the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, and more? Join us on January 18 for a night of fun, games and laughter. Starting at 5:30pm we will have a free pizza dinner and other sides to go with it. At 6:30pm the games will begin. Bring your entire family, your friends, and co-workers and come prepared for the gamut of game shows. Sign up at the welcome desk or on the church website. Signing up will help us figure out supplies and how much food to order.

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be January 27 following the second service. Lunch will be served about 11:30am and the meeting will start about 12:30pm. We are looking for about 8 pans of bars to be donated for serving at the lunch; please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you are able to share some!

### Meals On Wheels

January 2019 is St. John's turn to deliver meals on wheels to the Annandale community. There is a sign up calendar in the Gathering Area. Please volunteer by signing up for one or more days. This is an opportunity for us to experience, live, and share the love of Christ. If you have any questions, see Diane Barkley.

### Wednesday Worship

Each Wednesday we offer worship at 7:05pm. Please share the word.

### JOLT—(Joy of Learning Together) 9:30am in the library.

**Today**  
 In video Session 5 titled Aging, Illness, Dying, and the Fear of the Lord, Adam Hamilton explores fears of death and illness with this guests Carlos, Ginger, and Marie. He also welcomes his spouse, LaVon Hamilton, to discuss her own struggles with anxiety.

### January 20

Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Slavery and Human trafficking is not just happening in other parts of the world; it is happening all around us. Learn the facts about human trafficking and discover what you can do to bring change.

### Writing Group 2019

The Writing Group will gather on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 1-3 pm in the church library. Whether you like to write fiction or nonfiction, poetry or prose, consider joining us for ideas and inspiration. We read our work aloud in a non-critical setting and enjoy preserving our thoughts and memories for the future. We will meet the fourth Thursday of every month except November and December. It's never too late to start writing and sharing your work. Anyone from the area will find a warm welcome and new friends. With questions, contact Marge Lundeen.

### Hands For Hope 2019

Hands for Hope meetings will resume on Monday, Jan. 14. Newcomers are always welcome to help tie quilts and knit or crochet prayer shawls. Meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of most months from 9:30 – 11:00. If you aren't able to attend meetings but would like to work on quilts and prayers shawls at home, please contact LaDonna Howell or Gladys Johnson about quilts or Marge Lundeen about prayer shawls.

### Joyful Jar/Mission Of The Month

During the regular offering for adults we invite the children to participate by bringing their offering forward and placing it in the Joyful Jar. January's Mission of the Month is **AES Nurses Fund**.

### Essential Oils Life Group

Join us to learn and share insights about essential oils and their many uses. We'll talk about ways essential oils and essential oil infused products can help you achieve and maintain a healthier lifestyle. Each time we meet, we'll decide on the topics to focus on the following meeting. We meet in the church library every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Next meeting is January 15.

### Catholic Charities Senior Dining

Anyone 60 years + is invited to join us at Senior Dining any day of the week at 11:45am at City Hall for a balanced meal and fun conversation. At a nominal cost. We are also looking for volunteers from 10:00am-12:00pm any day of the week. If you can help please call Sandy or Sharon at 320-274-3891.