Today
First Sunday In Advent
"Grow Ever Stronger" Celebration Sunday
8:15am: Traditional Worship w/Communion
9:30am: Sunday School
9:30am: JOLT
10:30am: Contemporary Worship w/Communion
1:30pm: Care Center Communion
Monday
6:30pm: Boy Scouts
Tuesday
8:00am: Men’s Bible Study
10:00am: Women’s Bible Study
7:00pm: Endowment Committee Mtg
Wednesday
12:30pm: Staff Meeting
5:15pm: D-Way Dinner
5:55pm: Large Groups

Condolences
Shariyn Daniels and Family - death of her sister Marge
Family of Don York - death of his mother
Sandra McDonald & Family - death of her husband Don

Healing, Members of St. John’s
Patty Behrends - prayers for healing from shoulder replacement
Julie Olson - prayers for healing
Tom Lamb - prayers for healing from extensive ankle surgery
Warren Hagedorn - prayers for healing
Tom Johnson - prayers for healing
Dave Carlson - prayers for healing
Charles Lamb - prayers for healing
Diane Dietz - recovering at home from stroke

Mary Schultz - prayers for healing
Pat Larson - in remission from multiple myeloma
Elise Storn - prayers for healing from aortic aneurysm surgery
Maria Johnson - recovering from surgery
Dorothy McPadden - prayers for healing
Frances Snabt - health concerns
Shirley Schmidt - Prayers for healing from her stroke
David Stay - son in law of Donny & Steffie Baack - in remission
Virginia Marohn - prayers for medical testing
Mina Jacobson - prayers for continued recovery from foot surgery
Rob & Vivian Henry - health concerns
Wayne Mader - health concerns
Gloria Johnson - health concerns

Lorraine Johnson - recovering from pacemaker surgery

Jenny Briley - prayers for continued treatment and scans for metastatic breast cancer spread to brain

Orma Lou Johnson - breast cancer concerns

Pr. Ed Groupet and Margaret Group - health concerns
Lynda Launett - health concerns

Pastor Dave - health concerns
Larisa Wadman - medical concerns
Lavonna Anderson - health concerns

Assisted Living/ Care Center Facilities
Dave Carlson - at Amandate Care Center
Barb Beals - at Amandate Care Center
Bordemdale Buranne - at Amandate Care Center

Sister of Joyce Dahl - prayers for healing

Jews - son of Mary Gummerson - prayers for healing from stroke

Leona - sister of Laurie Laney - prayers for healing
Melanie, Don, & their newborn twins - prayers for healing for one of the twins as they are at Children’s Hospital with difficulty breathing

Melissa Harapel - cancer diagnosis; prayers for healing
Nico - son of Roger & Peg Beuning
Andy McBride - Nephew of Prt Dave & Diane Nelson - hospital with West

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

Worship attendance Sunday, November 25 — Wednesday, November 28: 85

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This Week’s Event Calendar
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.

December 2, 2018
Welcome to St. John’s

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 sit in one pew, talk to Pastor Dave.

• Teach children some of the basic prayers. Be 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 nearing 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.

• Bibles
• Children’s Bulletin
• Hearing enhancement devices (available at the sound booth)
• Large print 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. Checking In

For your convenience, general offering envelopes are available at the usher’s Cart.

Check out all our goings on at www.stjohns-annandale.org

Nile
Kathy Schott - Sister of Susan Shanwae - prayers for healing from cancer
Barb Weegan & Family - Friend of Shirley Schmidt - prayers for tests & procedure for a tumor in her colon
Grace Krehm - Family of Mary Gummerson - 12 year old Gracie diagnosed with brain tumor. Prayers for successful surgery and recovery
Alice - Sister of Joyce Dalby - prayers for healing after surgery
Sharon Niemela - Sister-in-law of Bob - prayers for healing after surgery
Jane & Steve - friend of Heather Jensen - treatment for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
Paige (12yrs) - friend of Iona Rosenzeg - in residential mental health treatment

Jann Benson - Sister of Betty Freeman - in hospice
Nick Bodell - Son of Peggy Bodell - prayers for his PTSD
Emp - Cousin of Tom & Heidi - comfort for her broken back
Angela Orr - Daughter of Deb Orr - cancer treatment
Carol Godfrey - Sister of (Steven) Duren - mother's health concerns
Edie - Pal Larson’s friend’s 10 yr old; grandson; heart transplant, doing well
Kevin Leather - Son of Lloyd & Leota - recovering from chemo, in remission
Pamela Petersen - Brev Johnson’s daughter; prayers for healing
Bill Petrekat - Leonardo Peterkat’s son, physically improving, back to work
Henry Dolan - grandson of Skipp & Cathy Dolan - heart transplant recipient
Brent Harapat - Praying for cancer recovery for the young husband & father
Debby - Gary’s (Sandy’s) sister, 8 yr old non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma - chemo
Kathy Kupertnik - Nicki Neumiller’s mother, cancer has spread, prayers for successful chemo and radiation

Andy Buneying - Son of Roger & Peg Beuning, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis
Zizi Sykora - Son of Hope & Todd Sykora; MN National Guard
Jessica Furnace - Granddaughter of John & Diane Furnace-Ft. Campbell, KY

Lorenzo Swanson - grandson of John & Diane Swanson-Camp Lejeune, NC

Alacia Swanson - Grandson of John & Diane Swanson-Columbia, MS, Air Force
Seth & Samantha Johnson - Grandson of Lloyd & Maria Johnson-US Navy
Betty Spanswick - sister of Lloyd & Maria Johnson-US Army
Jeanie Winter - sister in law of Lloyd & Maria Johnson-US Navy

Robin (Elkom) O’Connor & Jesse O’Connor - Daughter and son-in-law of Bryan & Lucy Elkom-Osako, Japan Air Force

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Greeters/Welcome Center (8:15am) - Harold & Pat Sanderson (10:30am)

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Good News Weekly

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Readers (8:15am) - Diane Barkley (10:30am) - Mary Iverson

Audio/Video Techs (8:15am) - (A) Mike Miller (V) Phyllis Frimstad (10:30am) - (A)

Ushers (8:15am) - Cliff Franzen (A) Dan, Nikki, Jake, Charles, Henry, & Tommy Seaberg (10:30am) - Larry Greene
Val & Cory Nelson - Marshal & Nikki Neumiller - Sally Mozingo

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Habakuk cannot bear the injustice he sees in the world, with seemingly no relief in sight. Where is God when one needs a swift and almighty solution? We might well ask the same.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

We are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be a part of your solution. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

10:30am Service

Gathering Songs
“Lord I Need You”
“Awake My Soul”

Welcome Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness
Song: “Wait For The Lord” ELW 262

Advent Candle Lit: Hope

Prayer Of The Day:
Chancel Choir: “Keep Your Lamps”
a spiritual arr. by Andre THOMAS

Dan Fasching — Percussion

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (pg 676 your pew Bible)

Kids Time

Reuel Choir: Habakkuk 3:17-19 (pg 677 your pew Bible)

Sermon: Pastor Dave Nelson

Song Of The Day: “Great Are You Lord” ELW 265

Offering

Sharing Of The Peace

Offertory Song: “Ye Servants Of The Lord” ELW 267

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Song Of The Day: “Great Are You Lord” ELW 265

Prayers Of Intercession

Sharing Of The Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer: “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715 v 1 & 3

Songs During Distribution:
The Lord’s Prayer

The Meal

Songs During Distribution:
“Are You Holy” ELW 525

“Light Of The World” 2017 VBS Song

“I Give Electronically” cards are now available at the Usher Cart – please place in the offering plate.

Next week’s reading—December 9—Esther 4:1-17 and Matthew 5:13-16

*We are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be a part of your solution. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

8:15am Service

Prelude

Welcome Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness

Song: “Wait For The Lord” ELW 262

Advent Candle Lit: Luminosity

Prayer Of The Day:
Reuel Choir: Habakkuk 3:17-19 (pg 677 your pew Bible)

Sermon: Pastor Dave Nelson

Song Of The Day: “Light Dawns On A Weary World” ELW 726

Prayers Of Intercession

Sharing Of The Peace

Offering

Offertory Song: “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715 v 1 & 3

Confession and Forgiveness

Song: “Wait For The Lord” ELW 262

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The Meal

Songs During Distribution:
“Are You Holy” ELW 525

“Light Of The World” 2017 VBS Song

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Next week’s reading—December 16—Esther 5:1-20 and Matthew 5:29-48

*We are sometimes impatient for you to act according to your vision for the earth. Give us wisdom to see your will unfolding, and boldness to be a part of your solution. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

Church & Community Events

“Grow Even Stronger” Celebration Sunday

We have had a great response to our “Grow Even Stronger” Sunday, and we anticipate that additional giving intentions for 2019 will bring in over the next couple of weeks. If you haven’t returned your giving intent card, please do so as soon as possible. You can mail or drop off the card you received in the mail, or you can go to our website and complete the giving intent card online. We will celebrate the congregation’s response today. Thanks for your generosity and support. Together with God’s help, we will GROW EVEN STRONGER in 2019!

ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!

Advent Wreath Lighters

We are looking for individuals or families to help us light our Advent wreath at each worship service during the season of Advent. There will be a short litany/prayer that we will also ask you to read/head. If you are interested, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Poinsettia Orders

The deadline for poinsettia orders has been extended through TODAY. Please submit your orders at the Welcome Desk.

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

Today

In video Session 1, titled “Understanding and Countering Fear,” Adam Hamilton introduces us to a discussion group made up of Carlos, Ginger, and Marie, three people who face fears just as we all do. He introduces the subject of fear—how it is useful and how it can become a burden—and discusses fears of each group member. Afterward he talks with a neuroscientist, Dr. David Zald of Vanderbilt University, and asks how our brains play a role in how we experience fear.

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, please see Diane Barkley.

Precious Gifts Preschool Volunteers

During the Stewardship drive this fall we have reflected on our commitment to our youth at St. John’s. Everyone wants to support and encourage youth to learn about and to experience the love of Jesus. This is especially our desire for our preschoolers. Using Volunteers, Precious Gifts Preschool transports 7 students, to and from school 3 days per week. We need your help. With the large drop-off and pick-up shift has children at school 8:30am. The day’s session is complete at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Men and women drivers are welcomed. The Daycare Director will provide the pick-ups and drop-offs. This is an opportunity to be at school and learning about Jesus as they prepare for kindergarten. Please contact Marilyn Hallstrom at 320-274-5641 if you would like to know more.

Pianist Needed

Looking for a pianist for the Precious Gifts Christmas program on Dec 13 at 6:45pm and a couple practices during the day on Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 10 & 12 at 9:30am for a 1/2 hour. Call Robin at 612-730-0158.

Share Your Christmas

The giving tree is in the Gathering Area adorned with gift tags. Choose a tag, shop, wrap and attach gift tag to outside of present and return to the tree by Wednesday, December 12. If you have any questions, please see Joyce Wandman or Diane Barkley.

Donations for Sunset Ridge

With Christmas coming there are some needs and wants for Sunset Ridge — 1 or 2 floor lamps, 3-4 table lamps, table top popcorn popper with popcorn, playing cards, board games, puzzles, DVDs, a hand mixer. Christmas caroling, epokes & party table/Dec. 1 at Sunset Ridge. Come join the Bible studies and bring a little Christmas cheer to these men. Thank you so much and God Bless! Mary Iverson 274-5792.

Essential Oils Life Group

Join us to learn and share insight 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 on the following Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Next meeting is December 4.

Wednesday Worship/D Way Schedule

December 5—Regularly Scheduled D-Way and Wednesday Worship

December 12—D-Way Christmas Caroling—Leaving church at 5:45pm—ALL ARE WELCOME!

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. December’s Mission of the Month is “Amandale Food Shelf.”

Ruth Circle: Monday, December 10, 2:00pm — Hostess: Diane Swanson

Rachel Circle: Wednesday, December 12, 9:30am — Hostess: Pat Sanderson

Sarah Circle: Tuesday, December 18, 7:00pm — Hostess: Marilyn Hallstrom — Bible Study Leader: Mary Holmgren