

# Announcements

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 14th & 15th, 2019

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- This week's Voice of St. John is given in thanksgiving to God by St. John's WELCA Organization.

**Are you looking for a small Christmas gift?**  
 The youth are selling handmade items donated by the St. John crochet & knitting group. Items are located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

**One more Advent service!** Join us Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for an evening service in preparation for the Christmas season. Confirmation students - sign-up sheet is on Pr. Leah's door if you can help.



**Christmas Eve Services** will be at 5:00 & 7:30 PM on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Join us

to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Candlelight singing and communion at both services. **Christmas Day Service** will be at 10 AM in the Chapel.

**New year, new opportunities!** We are looking for a **2020 Nursery Coordinator for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.** Please see Heidi if interested.

**In the Entryway-** select an ornament off the tree in and make a donation in that amount payable to St. John (with the animal chosen in the memo line.) Take the ornament and a card home as a reminder of your gift or to give to the person who the gift is in honor of. Please take a Good Gifts catalog to see over 50 ways you can make a BIG difference in the lives of others.

**In the Narthex-** please add a leaf with a short trait of what you'd like to see in a new Senior Pastor. This will assist the Call Committee when they put together a profile of St. John's needs.



**December Memory Verse:**  
 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



## Remember in prayer

Jennifer Schmitz (granddaughter of Margie Waltke), Corinne Mason (daughter of Lois Kammerlohr), Gloria Kellerman, and Gary Langford.

Did you know? St John spends about \$2,850 on postage and \$5,330 on bulletins & announcements. We are sharing this and future messages for the congregation to be better informed of normal operating expenses and how our offering keeps the doors open. Please prayerfully consider planned giving in anticipation of St. John's 2020 budget.



Give, and it will be given to you. Luke 6:38

**\*\*YEAR END REPORTS WILL BE DUE DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>\*\***

**The 2019 narrative budget is available in the Narthex.** This information has been prepared to show how offerings are divided between the many functions of our church. Submitting a commitment card will help in planning for the 2020 budget. If you would like this pamphlet and the accompanying video to be sent to you via email, please contact the office.



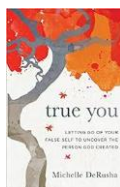
**Join us each week for a hot meal** and wonderful fellowship. Please contact Heidi Price if you are willing to volunteer during the meal or donate food. **Wednesday, 12/18:** 12/18: Fiesta Taco Bar, Santa Fruit, and dessert - Feliz Navidad!

**Another Contemporary Christmas-** Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Join the St. John Sanctuary Band and Friends (including a special guest performer) for this long-standing Christmas celebration. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the Community Food Pantry and Emergency Services.

**Youth will be selling ready to bake casseroles** this weekend on Sunday between the services for a \$15 donation. The money raised will support youth trips and activities.



## Adult book study to be offered in January:



Start the New Year uncovering the person God created you to be. Join us for a 4 week book study on "True You" by Michelle DeRusha. Grow your relationships, vocation, communities and intimacy with God; letting go of busyness and decluttering your heart, mind, and soul. We will meet on **Monday evenings from 7-8 PM**

**beginning January 6.** \$15 donation for materials. Contact Heidi Price for more information.

## Week Beginning Dec. 15th

### Sunday (15)

- 9 AM Worship/Communion
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum(FH) Sunday School, B3 Group
- 11:15 AM Worship
- 5 PM Cub Scouts 85 (U7)

### Monday (16)

- 9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. K-2 (U7)
- 7 PM Boy Scouts (BC)
- 8 PM Al-Anon (B4)

### Tuesday (17)

- 10 AM Cluster Text Study
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 3-4 (U7)
- 6:30 PM Abigail Circle (4one8)
- 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (B9)
- 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday (18)

- 9 AM Staff Meeting (Library)
- 2 PM Revelation Bible Study (Library)
- 2 PM Crochet Group (Kitchen)
- 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (FH)
- 5:30 PM Cherubs (U7)
- 5:30 PM Choristers (Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Praise Ringers (Stage)
- 5:30 PM Yoga (BC)
- 6 PM Jubilate (Chapel)
- 6 PM Bells of St. John (Stage)
- 7 PM Advent Worship
- 7:45 PM Youth Group

### Thursday (19)

- 9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
- 10:30 AM Good Samaritan Service
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 5-6 (U7)
- 7 PM Survivors of Suicide Support Group

### Friday (20) Office Closed

- 7:30 PM Another Contemporary Christmas Concert

### Saturday (21)

- 6 PM Worship/Communion (Chapel)

### Sunday (22)

- 9 AM Worship
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum (FH), Sunday School, B3 Group
- 11:15 AM Worship/Communion
- 5 PM Cub Scouts 85 (U7)



The Youth are selling farm fresh eggs every Sunday and Wednesday. \$2.50/dozen or \$2.00/dozen with the return of a clean carton. See the table in the entryway to purchase. Proceeds will go towards youth trips and activities. Thank you for your support!

**From the Library Committee:** We now have the newest Veggie Tales DVD "The Best Christmas Gift". Check out the stand in the Narthex with an assortment of Advent and Christmas books and DVDs. Enjoy!



**For those of you 70 ½ or older required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA,** it's possible to request all or a portion of your distribution check go directly from your account provider to your favorite 501(c)(3). By going direct to the charity, the distribution is not taxable to you and the charity gets the full benefit of your donation. If you have questions, please consult your tax advisor.

### Serving in Worship

Dec. 15	Sunday 9 a.m.	Sunday 11:15 a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	Ellen Janssen	Roger Harris
<b>Children's Message</b>	Dennis Dodge	Jerry Lamkin
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bladen Bayless Abby Ware Reganne Henning	Zack Zimmerman Jarrett Koch Destiny Meers
<b>Greeters</b>	Norman & Bernadine Pieper Bob & Barb Tieman	Zac & Heidi Lauenstein Shawn & Angie Jurgens

**Cantor**— Heidi Price

**Communion Assistants**— Danny Toland & Norbert Harms

**Sun. Office Duty**—Jodi Berke & Diane Courtney

**Sat. Musician**— Liz Holgate

### Worship Attendance Last Weekend

† Saturday 6 p.m. Dec. 7 ... 30

† Sunday 9 a.m. Dec. 8 ... 170

† Sunday 11:15 a.m. Dec. 8 ... 101

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