

# Announcements

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 7th & 8th, 2019

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- This week's Voice of St. John is given by Steve & Paulette Jarchow.
- This week's bulletins are given by Janice & Dennis Gengenbach in memory of Alvin & Ileen Wallman.

**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!

**Advent services have started!** Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 for an evening service in preparation for the Christmas season. Confirmation students, guides, and parents are assisting with these services - sign-up sheets are on Pr. Leah's door if you can help on December 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sponsor a Poinsettia-** St. John will be ordering Poinsettias. They are \$15 for a floral shop quality plant. You may take the poinsettia home with you to enjoy after the Christmas Day service.



**Form and \$15 are due to office by Sun., Dec. 15.**

**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.

## Remember in prayer

Jennifer Schmitz (granddaughter of Margie Waltke), Jason Christ, Gloria Kellerman, and Gary Langford.



*Did you know? General Fund contributions for the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> totaled \$7,856. Roughly \$89,600 is needed to meet the 2019 budget. 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.*

## 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

## Children's Christmas Program:

5:00 PM on December 8<sup>th</sup>!  
 Potluck supper to follow.  
 All are welcome!



**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, 12/11:** Sandwiches, salad, chips and dessert

**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.

**From the Library Committee:** We now have the newest Veggie Tales DVD "The Best Christmas Gift". You can find it on the rack in the Narthex along with an assortment of other Advent and Christmas books and DVDs. Enjoy!



**Card shower for Pam Kujath-** Pam's birthday is December 11<sup>th</sup> and her family would love her to hear from her friends at St. John. Cards may be sent to the Heritage Care Center, 909 17<sup>th</sup> St., Fairbury, NE 68352.

## Week Beginning Dec. 8th

### Sunday (8)

- 9 AM Worship
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum(FH) Sunday School, B3 Group
- 11:15 AM Worship/Communion
- 12:30 PM Sunday Night Fellowship Luncheon
- 5 PM Children's Christmas Program
- 5:30 PM Potluck
- 5 PM Cub Scouts 85 (U7)

### Monday (9)

- 9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
- 9 AM Blanket Sewing
- 1:30 PM Anna Circle (Samaritan Springs)
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. K-2 (U7)
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee
- 7:00 PM Beatrice Garden Club (FH)
- 7 PM Boy Scouts (BC)
- 8 PM Al-Anon (B4)

### Tuesday (10)

- 9 AM Ruth Circle (Samaritan Springs)
- 10 AM Cluster Meeting
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 3-4 (U7)
- 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (B9)
- 7 PM Administration Committee (Library)

### Wednesday (11)

- 9 AM Staff Meeting (Library)
- 9:30 AM Naomi Circle
- 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 (12) - December Reports Due

- 9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
- 9:30 AM Sarah/Rachel Circle (Samaritan Springs)
- 12 PM Youth Network Meeting
- 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 5-6 (U7)
- 7:00 PM Martha Circle

### Friday (13) Office Closed

- 10 AM Beatrice Heath & Rehab Service

### Saturday (14)

- 6 PM Worship/Communion (Chapel)

### 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)

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



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!

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. 8	Sunday 9 a.m.	Sunday 11:15 a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Higgins	Wayne Price
<b>Children's Message</b>	Anna Francis	Mackenzie Smith
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lexi Schwartz Buddy Schwartz Blake Trusty	Kiersten Cullison Sarah Price Linda Humble
<b>Greeters</b>	Verneal Dodge Shirley Hill John & Shirleen Fritz	Nick & Sheila Moore Ryaan & Brandee Norris

**Cantor**— Eric Hansen

**Communion Assistants**— Jodi Berke

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

**Sat. Musician**— Donna Miller

### Worship Attendance Last Weekend

† Saturday 6 p.m. Nov. 30 ... 27

† Sunday 9 a.m. Dec. 1 ... 145

† Sunday 11:15 a.m. Dec. 1 ... 86

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