

Birthdays Blessings

We pray God's blessings upon those who are celebrating the gift of life from a loving Lord.

- 11/18 Jim Backlund, Dana Schindler, Sue Wolf
- 11/19 Nicole Rasmussen, David Pomeroy, Emelie Baker, Arthur Abraham, Christopher George, Mary Hartwig
- 11/20 Leif Lundin
- 11/21 Nathan Kulish, Beatrice Morschen
- 11/22 Timothy Peterson, Shannon Voigt
- 11/23 Nicole Schmidt, Karen DeRocher
- 11/24 Nicole Lenzen, Justen Schindler

Anniversary Blessings

We pray God's blessings upon those who are celebrating the gift of marriage from a loving Lord.

- 11/18 - Shawn & Tracie Ryan
Joshua & Lori Dahms
- 11/21 - Dan & Wendy Schlueter
- 11/22 - Wayne & Val Schlefsky
- 11/23 - Nyles & Tracy Schwardt



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Please call the church office to add or remove your name. Thank you!

In our Prayers

- Bernie Gnan JeNola Panning Earl Meyer
- Debbie Hanson Gretchen Laubach Gerry Schmitz
- Arlan Kemniz Wally Lahl Donna Miller
- Shirley Gaarder Gerry Grapentine
- Phyllis DeRocher (Mother of Paul DeRocher)
- Lorraine Simon (Sister of Donna Olson)
- Dean Ott (Son of Carol Ott)
- Kris Williams (Mother of Kim Bailey)

Battling Cancer

- Patrick Oliver Jim Vangerud Riley Krueger
- Keith Balzum Madeline Dawson
- Dana Hill (Grandson of Penny Eastlund)
- Christine Mortiz (Family friend of Kade Klahren)
- Judy Steffes (Friend & Neighbor of Heidi Moe)
- Heather Miller (Friend of Brian Mosley)
- Lois Anderson (Cousin of Ida Schwartz)
- Florence Foust (Cousin to Penny Eastlund)
- Pastor LeRoy LaPlant (St. Mark's New Germany)
- Andrew Stahlke (Nephew of Gretchen Laubach)
- Scott Fritz (Son of Verna Fritz)
- Elaine Vangerud (Mother of Jim Vangerud)

Protecting Our Freedom

- Mitchell Krause Christian Wachter
- Jacob Hames Spencer Roxas
- Brandon Neitzel (Brother of Ashley Lenz)

CaringBridge

- Patrick Oliver: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/patrickoliver>
- Riley Krueger: www.caringbridge.org/visit/rileykrueger2018
- Pastor LaPlant: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorlaplant>
- Brody Lenz: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brodylenz>
- Grace Watry: <https://www.caringbridge.org/search?q=watry>

November 18, 2018



Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
6:30am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15pm Gathering Place 6:30pm Worship w/HC 7:00pm Messengers of Praise	9:30am R.O.C.K. 6:30pm Executive Council	7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship w/HC	9:30am Thanksgiving Worship w/HC 11:30-1:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner	*Church & School Office Closed		8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Education Hour 7:00pm Men's Basketball

Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School - 1 & 2 year olds through 6th grade.

Faith Formation - 7th & 8th graders and parents meet in the gymnasium.

High School Youth - High School youth meet every Sunday in a relaxed atmosphere for Bible study and conversation in the youth room.

Adult Bible Studies

"A Look Ahead" - led by the pastors in the Fellowship Hall. Join the pastors as they look one week ahead in the lectionary and study the readings for next week.

LifeLight - Join this group of men and women, led by Lloyd Haack, as they continue their study of the book of Job in the school library.

Mayer Lutheran High School presents *Shrek the Musical* Today!

Don't miss the last performance of *Shrek the Musical* at MLHS today at 2 PM! Tickets are available at the door – \$10 for adults/seniors and \$7 for students. Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, *Shrek The Musical* is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure, that brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. The cast and crew include St. John's members Lilah Johnshoy, Elsa McCarty, Lane Bode and Kaitlyn Anderson.

Thanksgiving Services:

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00pm with Holy Communion

Thursday, November 22, 9:30am with Holy Communion

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Chaska Food Shelf.

Today is Stewardship Sunday and marks the day that we are asked to share our financial intentions for 2019. You should have received a letter from Pastor Snow within the past several days. Included with that letter was a response card. Please take some time to prayerfully consider your response. When you are ready, place your completed response card in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate. If you need a new response card they are available in the pews. Through God's many blessings, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what he first gave us, our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Christmas Poinsettias - Help us celebrate Christ's birth by purchasing a poinsettia for our sanctuary. White Poinsettias are needed to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each plant is \$11. The deadline to order is **today**, November 18th. Envelopes can be found at the information center. Plants may be taken home for your personal enjoyment. after services on Sunday, January 6th.

Scholastic Book Fair is here! Book Fair dates and times: Sunday 18th 9:00 - noon, Monday 19th 12:30 - 4:30, Tuesday 20th: 8:30 - 12:30. This is a great time to get a start on your Christmas shopping! All purchases benefit our school. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

Family Movie Night and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest.

You are invited to an evening of Christian fellowship and entertainment on Friday, November 30 from 6:30-8:30pm in the school gymnasium. St. John's School PTL will be showing two movies, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Shrek the Halls* and hosting a gingerbread house decorating contest. See below for event schedule and contest guidelines. This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to get creative and design a gingerbread house masterpiece! \$25 Target gift cards will be awarded to the five gingerbread houses with the most votes.

6:30-7:45 Arrival, gingerbread house registration, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

7:45-8:00 Intermission, complimentary snacks, gingerbread house voting

8:00-8:30 *Shrek the Halls*, gingerbread house winners announced

Gingerbread House Decorating Guidelines: All supplies are gathered by you, the decorator. Please use only edible/food items on your creation. The house does not need to be edible when done. Frosting, glue, hot glue, tape, etc. may be used in your decorating process. Gingerbread or graham cracker may be used. Looking for ideas? Some suggestions may be: traditional gingerbread house, Christian theme, log cabin, light house.

Seasonal decorators invite

Advent and Christmas decorating will take place starting on Sunday afternoon Nov. 25. If this interests you please consider this invite and contact Joan Bode for specific details [612.581.1659](tel:612.581.1659) or joan@thebodes.com

Sing for Advent/Christmas! Contact julie.pallas@stjohns-chaska.org.

2018 Mitten Tree

Christmas is coming--a season filled with so much joy and celebration!! There are many families in our community that long to give their children a special Christmas, but who need our help. Please consider taking a slip or two from the Mitten Tree to make a young child's Christmas wonderful. Each Mitten holds the wish of a child or a request for a gift card for a parent wanting to make Christmas special for their family-- whether they use it to buy food for a Christmas meal or wrapping paper or supplies to make Christmas cookies with. **Unwrapped gifts** need to be dropped off no later than **December 5th** to make sure they can be delivered to the families in time. Thank you for helping to spread the love of God to those who need it the most!! Merry Christmas!

Neighborhood News:

Mayer Lutheran High School *Celebrate His Harvest*. Friday, November 30.

Purchase tickets online at www.CelebrateHisHarvest.org.