

**St. John's Lutheran Church and School  
Special Advent and Christmas Services**

- December 5 4:15 & 6:30pm Advent Services;  
Supper 5:00-6:15pm served by Mary Martha Guild
- December 9 Pre-K and K Sunday School Children sing (10:45am)  
Advent Choral Vespers Concert (7:00pm)
- December 12 4:15 & 6:30pm Advent Services;  
Supper 5:00-6:15pm served by Youth Group
- December 13 Preschool Christmas Program (6:30pm)
- December 16 Sunday School 1st - 6th grade Christmas Service (11:00am)
- December 19 4:15 & 6:30pm Advent Services;  
Supper 5:00-6:15pm
- December 20 St. John's School K-8th grade Christmas Services:  
(5th-8th grade at both services)  
K-4th Grade last name K-Z at 6:00pm  
K-4th Grade last name A-J at 7:30pm
- December 23 8:00/9:30/10:45 Sunday Worship
- December 24 **Christmas Eve Services** w/HC (3:00 & 5:00pm)
- December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** w/HC (10:00pm)
- December 25 **Christmas Day Festival Service** w/HC (9:30am)
- December 30 8:00/9:30/10:45 Sunday Worship
- December 31 Worship w/HC (5:00pm)



**December 2, 2018** **the Weekly WORD**

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8	Sunday 9
6:30am Men's Bible Study 5:15-6:15pm Gathering Place 6:30pm Worship w/HC	9:30am R.O.C.K. 7:00pm Board of Trustees	4:00pm Confirmation 4:00 & 6:30pm Advent Services 5:15-6:30pm Advent Supper 7:00pm Messengers of Praise	9:30am Women's LifeLight Noon Ladies Aid Christmas Lunch 7:00pm Women's Bible Study		4:00- 5:00pm Vespers Rehearsal	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 Worship w/HC 9:30 Education Hour 7:00pm Advent Choral Vespers

**Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 5  
at 4:15 and 6:30pm  
Soup Supper from 5:00-6:15.**

**Advent Soup Suppers** are every Wednesday between the 4:15 and 6:30 services on December 5, 12 & 19. We are looking for a group to serve on December 19. Please call the church office if interested, 952.448.2433.

**The Panama Team** is back from their planning trip to Dios Es Grande. Please join us **today**, December 2, to learn about their trip and the kinds of projects we'll send new teams on in the near future. The presentation will take place in the gym during our Education Hour (9:30am).

**Mary Martha Guild** is selling Christmas cards between church services **today**, Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are also crafts for sale which make great gifts. Many items are \$5 or less. Great gifts for all children! Proceeds go towards mission projects, local and world wide! Thank-you for your support! Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

**Mitten Tree.** There are still a few slips left on the Mitten Tree. Please consider helping to make a young child's Christmas wonderful. **Unwrapped gifts** need to be dropped off no later than Wednesday, **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!! For any questions please call Jessica Saba at 952.856.6182.

**Advent Choral Vespers** at St. John's is **December 9, 7:00pm.** Advent Readings and Carols in anticipation of our Savior's birth. Reception following concert.



**All ladies of the congregation** are invited to join our Ladies Aid for their Christmas luncheon on December 6th at noon. Members and guest attending please RSVP to Caroline Beise at 952-448-4008. Ladies Aid Members are asked to bring 2 dishes to share.

**Operation Christmas Child.** There are 3 ways to help: 1) Donate items to go into a box. Requested items include: school supplies, wash cloths and soap, toothbrushes, small toys, and anything else you think a child might enjoy. Please, NO liquids, NO candy, NO food items, NO toothpaste, and NO war related toys; boxes are getting held up in customs. 2) You could fill your own box and drop it off by the donation poster and box. 3) Donate cash. This will be used for postage and/or necessary items to complete boxes. Make check payable to St. John's and make a note in the memo - "For OCC" and drop it off at the church office by **next Sunday, December 9.**

If you have any questions, please contact Luanne Anderson at [kalason@comcast.net](mailto:kalason@comcast.net) or at [952/942-8624](tel:952/942-8624) (H) or [612/599-0574](tel:612/599-0574) (C).

**Youth Gathering Registration.** Register now to attend the LC-MS National Youth Gathering July 11-15! Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in this amazing event! Registration Forms are due December 9. Contact Jamie Timm, 952.393.9906, with questions.

**The women of R.O.C.K. Bible study** will be selling plates of Christmas treats next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> between services. Please stop by and check out our goodies! Proceeds from the bake sale are used to provide babysitting and devotional materials for our Raising Our Christian Kids mom's Bible study.

**Christmas Caroling.** All St. John's members are invited to join Mary Martha Guild as we go Christmas Caroling at Auburn Manor on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Song sheets will be provided. We will leave from church at 6:15pm. A devotion will be provided by Heidi Christiansen. Mary Martha Guild members, please bring treats to share.

**Christmas Decorating.** A special thanks to all of those who gave of their time and talents to organize and carry out the Christmas decorating. Our beautiful church shines especially bright during the Advent and Christmas season and we are so appreciative of the effort that goes in to making our church a fitting place to welcome the King of Glory and worship Him. Thank you!

**Thank you** to all our Meals on Wheels drivers. I know the people appreciate your time and delivery for their meals. We could use a few more drivers. Meals on Wheels takes about 2 hours every 5-6 weeks. If interested please Roxanne Pauling at 952.448.5476.

**Advent devotions** from Mayer Lutheran High School and Lutheran Hour Ministries are available at the information center. You can also download Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions from our church's website: [www.stjohnschaska.org](http://www.stjohnschaska.org), home page, announcements.

### **Birthday Blessings**

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

- 12/2 Ryan Gentz, Jeffrey Matzke, Dick Kohn  
12/3 Steven Latzke, Michelle Dunning, Michael Rasmussen, Elly Snow  
12/4 Emma Schwardt, Linda Kloos  
12/5 Brianna Brandmire  
12/6 Michael Carlson, Bonnie Landree, Robert Swenson  
12/7 Jacquelyn Saunders, Bob Panning  
12/8 Henry Saunders, Gladys Wittenberg, Nathan Glock

### **Anniversary Blessings**

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

- 12/2 - Ronald & Lynette Fiebelkorn  
12/4 - Chance & Ann Carlson  
David & Karen Duff  
Scott & Keri Lorenz



Mayer Lutheran High School has been given an amazing opportunity to offer a presentation of the St. John's Bible at MLHS on December 4, 7:00pm in the Fine Arts Center.

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

### **In our Prayers**

Lois Degler, Sr.	Don Wenz, Sr.	Lorraine Schoen
Bernie Gnan	JeNola Panning	Earl Meyer
Wally Lahl	Debbie Hanson	Gerry Schmitz
Arlan Kemnitz	Gretchen Laubach	Donna Miller
Shirley Gaarder	Gerry Grapentine	
Dana Hill (Grandson of Penny Eastlund)		
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	
Christine Moritz (Family friend of Kade Klahsen)		
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](https://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>

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