

Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Dec 22	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
Tues Dec 24	3:00 PM	Christmas Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Christmas Worship Service
	10:00 PM	Christmas Worship Service
Fri Dec 27	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
Sat Dec 28	5:00 PM	Worship Service

The sign-up sheets for worship helpers for the months of January, February and March are posted in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to help by December 27th.

"Most Holy Redeemer School presents the second annual Hibernation Celebration and Raffle. Purchase tickets to win cash prizes of \$1500, \$750, \$100 (3) and \$50 (4). Only 400 tickets sold. Tickets are \$50 and available from any HRS family or the school office. Social gathering will be held on February 1, 2019. Chances to win a half hog and more. Many local businesses will be offering food and drink specials, music and other entertainment. Live drawing for cash prizes will take place at the Rustic Farmer on Main Street at 10:00 PM."

SHOP WITH SCRIPT and support St John! Sign up at shopwithscript.com on your computer or myscriptwallet.com on your phone or tablet. St. John's enrollment code is D6729D7366L74. Orders can also be placed with Missy in the church office. Physical gift card orders will be placed twice a month and are due on the first and third Mondays. The next physical gift card order is due on January 6th.

St John is apart of Amazon Smile! Use this link to support St John when you shop at Amazon.com! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0742510>

Lifetouch pictures have arrived and are in the church office.



After school youth group for grades 3-6 will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, from 3:05-4:05 PM, October through May! *Next meeting is Wednesday, February 5th!*

Thank you to the Montgomery Apple Orchard for donating the apples for our Christmas bags given out to the youth after the Sunday School Christmas program.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader

Kathy Peterson

Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

Ushers/Greeters

Ruth Kukacka

Lynn Schuknecht

Gerald & Dianna Smith

Communion Assistants

Marc Peterson

Carol Kiekow

Youth Volunteer

Acolyte

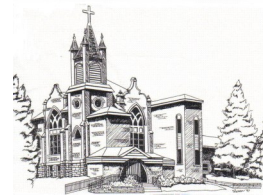
Volunteer needed

Altar Guild

Kathy Peterson

Saturday's Service

*Thank you to our
volunteer ushers and
others helping with this
service.*



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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

Jason Pollington, Pastor 507-667-9000

Carol Kiekow, Congregation President

Sara Kuchinka, Sunday School Superintendent

Melissa Gregor, Youth Ministry Director/Secretary

Kathy Heyda, Music Director/Organist

Roman Jindra, Custodian

Diane DeWitte, Organist

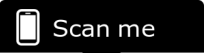
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Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
Gathering Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	#257
Kyrie	Page 138
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God"	Page 139
Prayer of the Day (in unison).....	Insert
Lighting of Advent Candle	
Special Music (Sunday) "Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah"	Lisa Schroeder, Anne Schroeder
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16	
Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7	
Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"	Page 142
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25	
Children's Sermon	
Sermon	
Hymn of the Day "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	#254
Apostles Creed	Page 105
Offering Special Music (Sunday) "On Jordan's Banks/People Look East!"	Bells of St. John
Prayers of Intercession	
Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	Page 144
Lord's Prayer	Page 145
Communion	
Blessing	
Sending Hymn "Bethlehem Highway"	Insert
Dismissal	

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

May you find peace and joy as we worship together on this day. We invite you to please sign the guest book located near the elevator. For those with children, we are grateful you are here. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available and are located at the top of the stairs. *All baptized Christians* who believe in Christ's real presence in Holy Communion may receive it. During the distribution of Holy Communion, children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and a cookie. Gluten free wafers and portioned cups of grape juice are available for Communion. Wine is distributed in the larger chalice and grape juice is distributed in the smaller chalice. Large print bulletins and inserts are available in the back of the church. Ask the head usher for these materials.



Giving made Simpler! Scan the QR code on your smart phone and be directed right to the giving page on the St. John Lutheran Church website!

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 17 ~ Sunday~195



Remember in your Prayers... June Pfiefer, Phyllis Pelowski (Lynn Heinzig's mother), Ruth Kukacka, Ralph Hendrickson, Dallas Horejsi, Paul Swidorski, Lloyd Viskocil, Milo Kubinski, Gretchen Vlasak, Matthew Koschade, Lynda McLalwain (niece of Marilyn Richter), Gary Janssen, Elmer Kukacka, Shari Claire, Lloyd Svoboda, Adeline Tiede (niece of Billi Larson), Emil & Theresa Knish, Jean Hartman (Aunt of Bruce Smith), Ken Meyer, Katie Lockrem, Jean Waugh, Jessi, Dianne Schultz, Gerry Smith, Tom McClune, Rycky Kes, Glenn Kerkow, Tom Trenda, Greg Vlasak, Rev. Bob Boda, Phyllis Swidorski, Amy Korthuis (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), and Nancy Creger.



Please remember in your Prayers the following who are serving our country: Cassidy Gilbertson, Travis Ferguson, Shane Morris, Ashley Noiske, Adam Vlasak and Sam Westerhouse.

Year end reports from all committees are due on December 20th. Please email your reports to the church office stjohnelca@frontier.com

The Church Council is looking for people to serve on the nominating committee as well as people to serve on the council starting in 2020. If you would like more information talk to a council member or Pastor Jason.

First Sunday Forums- On the first Sunday of each month, we will be having brief forums to discuss the on-going ministry of St. John. The next "First Sunday Forum" will be held on Jan. 5th with the topic being "the budget and where we can make adjustments." Council had some suggestions like not having a Saturday night service when Pastor is on vacation, discontinuing Saturday night service all together, charging for Sunday School and confirmation. Congregation is asked to come up with ideas to help us meet the budget.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child project by donating gift filled shoe boxes to children living in poverty around the world. 101 shoe boxes were delivered to a collection center and from there transported to Chicago for processing. St. John also donated \$182.25 for shipping from the aluminum can collection money. Our church has participated in this project for 20 years! Your continued support is much appreciated!

Our thoughts and prayers go out the family and friends of Milton Holetz. Milton passed away on Monday, December 9th.

Thank you to all who donated to our "Soldier Box" project this year. We packed 32 boxes which were mailed or delivered to those currently in the service, veterans at Traditions, the Harbor, shut-ins and/or elderly or ill. I have already heard from a few who received their boxes and were so grateful that St John Church remembered them. Thank you to Thrivent for the gift card, the American Legion Post #79 and the VFW Post #5340 for their cash donations, Kathy Derhaag for the handmade Christmas cards, Madelyn Wehe and Rich Vargo for helping with mailing, Cindy Zahratka for all her assistance, and to those who donated items for the packages. A special thank you to Paul Vollmer for heading up this project. Thank you again, Wendy Vargo, Evangelism Committee Chair

Thank you to everyone who donated to the mitten tree. We collected 35 hats, 73 mittens/gloves and 10 scarves.