Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Dec 29	9:00 AM	Worship Service	
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour	
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting	
Mon Dec 30	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Meeting	
Fri Jan 3	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting	
Sat Jan 4	5:00 PM	Worship Service	

"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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader

Volunteer Needed

Head Usher

Carol Kiekow

Ushers/Greeters

Rich & Liz Vlasak Maridan & Mike Nesmoe

Communion Assistants

Carol Kiekow Volunteer needed Youth Volunteer

Acolyte

Volunteer needed

Altar Guild

Kathy Peterson

Saturday's Service

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

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.

Thank you to all members of the Angel Band for providing music for today's hymns.



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.

Second Sunday Youth Event is on Sunday, January 5^{th} . We will be snowshoeing at Nye Nature Center if the trails are in good condition. If not we will be doing vision boards at church! We will start with lunch at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the youth board or on Facebook by Thursday, January 2^{nd} .



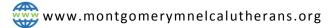
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First Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2019

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

First Sunday of Christmas		<u>December 29, 2019</u>	
Welcome & Announcements			
Confession and Forgiveness		Page 94	
Gathering Song	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	#289	
Kyrie		Page 138	
Hymn of Praise	"Glory to God"	Page 139	
Prayer of the Day (in unison)		Insert	
Special Music (Sunday)	"Go Tell It on the Mountain"	Kay Busch (flute)	
First Reading:	Isaiah 63:7-9		
Psalm	Psalm 148		
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2:10-18		
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	Page 142	
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23		
Children's Sermon			
Sermon			
Hymn of the Day	"The First Noel"	#300	
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Offering Special Music (Sunday) "What Child Is This?"		Angel Band	
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Communion			
Blessing			
Sending Hymn	"Joy to the World"	#267	
Dismissal			

December 20, 2010

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.



First Sunday of Christmas



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 21 ~ Sunday~89



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



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!

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 volunteered this year ringing the bell for the 2019 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Your participation was greatly appreciated. JoAnn Dawson

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Jane Nash (mother of Leon Nash) who passed away on Wednesday, December 18th.

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Glenn Kerkow who passed away on Wednesday, December 25th.