

Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Dec 2	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:00 AM	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 AM	Youth Christmas Caroling
	3:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting
Mon Dec 3	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Tues Dec 4	6:00 PM	Webelos Scouts
Wed Dec 5	3:05 PM	After School Youth Group
	6:00 PM	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Voices of St John
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
Fri Dec 7	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
Sat Dec 8	5:00 PM	Worship with Communion

WOTC Meeting Sunday, December 9th, 10:00 AM in the Youth Room.

Save the Date! Mission Trip 2019 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 16th after the Sunday School Christmas program. There will be no tickets to purchase, a free will donation will be collected to support the Mission Trip.

"**Financial Peace University** classes recently concluded at Most Holy Redeemer. The 7 families who participated were from Most Holy Redeemer, St. John's Lutheran Church and the surrounding area. Throughout the course of the nine-week class, a total of \$17,912 in debt was paid off and \$11,741 was set aside for savings! Congratulations to the families involved for the amazing amount of progress they made in such a short period of time! We wish them a future of true financial peace! ~ Mike & Angie Budin, Class Coordinators"



All Poinsettia orders must be received by 11 AM on *Thursday, December 6th*. Plants that will not stay at church for the Christmas Eve services may be picked up in the afternoon on *Thursday, December 20th*.

After school Youth Group for grades 3-6, 3:05-4:05 PM at church on the *first* Wednesdays of the month. *Next group meeting is December 5th*.

Youth Group Christmas Party is this Sunday, December 2nd @ 11:30 AM. We'll sing Christmas carols at Traditions and return to church to have lunch and make Christmas cookies. We'll pack the cookies in Christmas tins for Pastor Jason to deliver during his December home visits! Youth younger than 3rd grade may attend this event with an adult. Bring the whole family!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader
Dianne DeWitte

Head Usher
Steve Schroeder

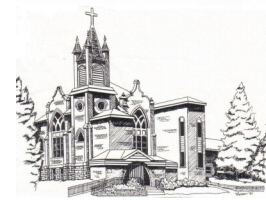
Ushers/Greeters
John Krautkremer
Kathy Derhaag
Jeanne Anderson
Ruth Kukacka

Communion Assistants
Rich & Wendy Vargo
Youth Volunteer

Acolyte
Aliviya Boyd

Altar Guild
Kathy Derhaag

Saturday's Service
Thank you to our
volunteer ushers and
others helping with this
service.



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December 2, 2018

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 Advent

December 2, 2018

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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. Wrapped 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.

Worship Offering Last Weekend: General Fund \$3326.63 Restoration Fund \$30
~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 18 ~ Sunday 106

Please have all items for the annual report submitted via email to stjohnelca@frontier.com by Monday, December 17th.



Remember in your Prayers... Roger Napper, Bentley Ingram, Betty Braun, Rycky Kes, Glenn Kerkow, Cathy Herrmann, Eileen Segna, Nancy Vollmar, Tom Trenda, Greg Vlasak, Rev. Bob Boda, Phyllis Swidorski, Amy Korthis (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Nancy Creger.

Please remember in your Prayers the following who are serving our country:

Travis Ferguson, Shane Morris, Adam Smith, Adam Vlasak and Sam Westerhouse.

*If you have the addresses for our service people listed above please call or email the church office.



We are starting to collect items for the Soldier Boxes which we will be sending out the first part of December. These items are sent to those who are currently serving from our congregation, former veterans around our area, and veterans in rehab homes. Collection boxes are downstairs in the fellowship hall for your donated items. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please leave it with Missy or Pastor in one of the church offices. Thank you for your help with this wonderful program.

The mitten tree is ready for your decorations! Please bring in warm hats, mittens & socks to place on the tree. Items will be distributed to those in need in Le Sueur County.

The Voices of St. John will rehearse music for the Christmas Eve Service on December 5th, December 12th and December 19th from 6:30 – 7:00 PM. We welcome all men and women from St. John who want to join us.

It is time to do another St John Pictorial Directory. The council is looking for a committee to study options and organize it for sometime in 2019. If interested, please contact Pastor, Missy or one of the council members.

The Council has 4 openings for 2019: Three 3 year terms and one 2 year term to finish out a term. Carol Kiekow's term is up but she has agreed to run again. It is important that we have people ready to serve and help us as we undertake the bell tower repair and continue to make St John a welcoming place of worship. If interested in serving or have any questions, please contact Pastor, Carol Kiekow or Kathy Peterson.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign for 2018 RING THE BELL! If anyone is interested in ringing the bell this year for the Salvation Army, you are asked to contact JoAnn Dawson at 507-364-5835 for the schedule. The bell ringing will take place from Saturday, December 8th to Sunday, December 23rd. The Red Kettle will again be housed in front of Mackenthun's Fine Foods in Montgomery. All money we collect stays local and goes to the Salvation Army in LeSueur County.

Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous again is collecting donations for low income families in the county. Unwrapped gifts for children newborn to 18 years of age may be dropped off at Holy Redeemer School, TCU High School, CornerStone State Bank and Frandsen Bank and Trust, Montgomery, and the Montgomery Boy Scouts tree sales through December 7. Monetary donations (please make checks payable to Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous) can be made at both banks or mailed to Cornerstone State Bank, 401 4th Street NW, Montgomery. Distribution is Monday, December 10, noon to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Social Hall, Le Center. The program served 628 children from 233 Le Sueur County families in 2017.