

Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Dec 9	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	WOTC Meeting
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Mon Dec 10	6:30 PM	Lion Scouts
Tues Dec 11	6:30 PM	Book of Romans Bible Study
Wed Dec 12	6:00 PM	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Voices of St John
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
Fri Dec 14	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
Sat Dec 15	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.

Poinsettias that will not stay at church for the Christmas Eve services may be picked up in the afternoon on Thursday, December 20th.

We are in need of worship assistants for our Christmas Eve services. A red sign up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child project by donation gift filled shoe boxes to children living in poverty around the world. 128 shoe boxes were collected and delivered to the processing center in Lakeville. St. John also donated \$116 for shipping from the aluminum can collection money. Our church has participated in this project for 19 years! Your continued support is much appreciated!

~Mary Brahs



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 January 2nd.*

Moonlight Snowshoeing Event at Richter's Woods on Saturday, January 5th 4:30-7:15 PM. Sign up with Community Ed to reserve your snowshoes. Sign up on the youth bulletin board to car pool!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader

Renee Sorenson

Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

Ushers/Greeters

*Kathy Westerman
Tammi & Steve Pan
Lynn Schuknecht*

Communion Assistants

*Volunteers needed (2)
Youth Volunteer*

Acolyte

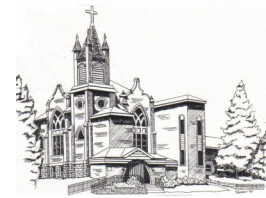
Gabrielle Davidson

Altar Guild

Carol Kiekow

Saturday's Service

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



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Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 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*

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Special Music (Sunday) "Noel"Liturgical dance by Morgan Gjerstad, Alice Schroeder & Sophie Smith

Lighting of the Advent Candle

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4*

Psalm *Luke 1:68-79*

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:3-11*

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Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

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Sending Hymn "Hark, the Glad Sound"#239

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. 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 \$1,388.95 Restoration Fund \$15
~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 7 ~ Sunday 55



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.



The Voices of St. John will rehearse music for the Christmas Eve Service on 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 7th. 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 10th, 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.

Our Quilting group put together 42 baby bundles for Lutheran World Relief, 24 to go to Liberia and 41 Quilts to go to the Peace Center in New Prague and to Lutheran World Relief.

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

Worship Helper Sign Up! The worship helper sign up sheets for January-March are up! Please check your schedules and sign up for the Sunday(s) you are available to help! Everyone is welcome to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact the church office via email stjohnelca@frontier.com or 507-364-5002. Please sign up by Sunday, December 16th.