

## Look at the Week Ahead

<b>Sun Dec 16</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program
	10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
<b>Mon Dec 17</b>	6:00 PM	Girl Scout Service Unit
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Tues Dec 18</b>	5:00 PM	Webelos Scouts
<b>Wed Dec 19</b>	6:00 PM	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Voices of St John
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
<b>Fri Dec 21</b>	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
<b>Sat Dec 22</b>	5:00 PM	Worship with Communion

### UPCOMING SPECIAL AND NORMAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

*Sunday School Christmas Program December 16<sup>th</sup>*

*5PM Saturday Service on Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*9 AM Service on Sunday December 23<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas Eve Service Times December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*3 PM Sunday School*

*5 PM Rock'n the Church*

*10 PM Candlelight Service with Bells and Women's Choir*



The Mission Trip 2019 group will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on tomorrow morning, 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
ALL WHO HELPED  
WITH OUR SERVICE  
TODAY**

#### **Reader**

*Sunday School Program*

#### **Head Usher**

*Steve Schroeder*

#### **Ushers/Greeters**

*Steve & Anne Schroeder*

*David & Rhonda Solberg*

#### **Communion Assistants**

*Sunday School Program*

#### **Acolyte**

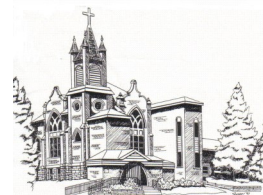
*Tayte Domine*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Tammi Pan*

#### **Saturday's Service**

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



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*Third Sunday of Advent  
Saturday, December 15, 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*



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

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

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Gospel:            *Luke 3:7-18*

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Sermon

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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 \$3,910.22 Restoration Fund \$ 85

~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

**Attendance Last Weekend:** 24 Saturday ~ 111 Sunday

**Large print bulletins and inserts** are available in the back of the church. Ask the head usher for these materials.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**Please have all items for the annual report submitted via email to [stjohnelca@frontier.com](mailto:stjohnelca@frontier.com) by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**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! The sign up sheets are located in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact the church office via email [stjohnelca@frontier.com](mailto:stjohnelca@frontier.com) or 507-364-5002. Please sign up by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Thank you** for the donation to the Bell Tower in memory of Wayne Svoboda.

**Thank you** for the donation to Mission Trip 2019.

**Thank you** for the donation to the Bell Tower from the Collier family.