

## THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

### SUNDAY December 22nd

7:45 Worship  
9:00 Education Hour  
10:15 Worship

### MONDAY December 23rd

**Office Closed**  
6:00 Prayer Time

### TUESDAY December 24th

**Office Closed**  
3:00 Worship H/C  
6:30 Children's Program  
10:00 Worship H/C

### WEDNESDAY December 25th

**Office Closed**  
9:00 Worship H/C  
Gym/Kitchen reserved

### THURSDAY December 26th

**Office Closed**  
No Worship Service

### FRIDAY December 27th

Gym/Kitchen reserved

### SATURDAY December 28th

Gym/Kitchen reserved

### SUNDAY December 29th

9:00 Worship



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT- INS IN PRAYER**  
Marlys Zemke-Wellington Place Assisted Living

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

### **ELDERS FOR DECEMBER**

John Christensen, Rick Borchardt

### **ALTAR GUILD FOR DECEMBER**

Peggy Piepenburg

### **USHERS THIS WEEKEND**

Cliff & Kris Prah~ 7:45  
Jo & Steve Roble

Wayne & Brett Breitenfeldt~ 10:15  
Eric Breitenfelst, Kevin Weaver

### **ACOLYTES THIS WEEKEND**

Harvey Guss~ 7:45  
Brooklin Douranceau~ 10:15  
December 24th~McKenzie Christiansen  
December 25th~Addison Marten

### **CLEANING TEAM**

December 15th-28th- Tom & Janet Felch

A cry room is located by the choir loft steps.

## **Happy Birthday this week to:**

Marcia Habeck (12/22)  
Joshua Opper (12/26))  
Raelyn Jome (12/27)  
Bryce Schalow (12/27)



## **Happy Anniversary this week to:**

Clifford & Kristine Prah (12/26)



God's Blessings on your special day!

## **The Week December 22nd-December 29th 2024**

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### **Church & School Office Hours**

Monday -Friday  
8:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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## **Our Mission Statement**

"St. John Lutheran Church and School is dedicated to worship, love, teach, reach out and care through the love of Christ Jesus."

Please have the announcements into the Church office by Wednesday at 9:00 am. Thank you

<b>ATTENDANCE REPORT</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Thursday, December 12th	23	14
Sunday, December 15th	147	108

#### **OFFERING LAST WEEK**

Envelope & Plate  
Week of December 16th, 2024 \$3057.00  
Tuition-\$0.00 Extended Care-\$150.00  
Debt Reduction (To pay Line of Credit Only)-\$80.00

D.C. Everest 4K reimbursement-\$2311.00  
Line of Credit this week-\$0.00  
Expenses paid this week-\$3129.19  
Payroll paid this week-\$

**Electronic Giving for week of December 16th**  
General Fund-\$673.00

#### **2024 Christmas Worship Schedule**

December 24th  
3:00 P.M. Worship H/C  
6:30 P.M. Children's Service  
10:00 P.M. Worship H/C  
December 25th- 9:00 A.M. Worship H/C  
Thursday, December 26th- No Worship Service  
December 31st- 7:00 P.M. Worship H/C

#### **Pastor John Stransky's School Year Office Hours**

Monday: 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM (in classrooms in morning)  
Tuesday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Wednesday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM (school chapel)  
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM (confirmation at 6:30)  
Thursday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
5:30 PM to 9:00 PM (Church Service at 7:00)  
Friday: Off  
Saturday: By Appointment

**St. John Care Ministry** will once again have the Cap and Mitten Tree. You can place your caps, mittens, scarves and socks under the tree in the Narthex. We will take them to the Neighbors Place at the end of December. Thank you very much for all your donations.

**Directory Portraits:** Thank you to everyone who came in to have your portrait taken for the new directory. I am now in the process of preparing the files you will need should you wish to print the photos at your own leisure. You will receive a high resolution, 8x10 and thumbnail versions for your social media. It would be great to see Facebook plastered with church portraits. You will receive an email from **WeTransfer** with a link to download the files. **NOTE: transfer link will expire 3 days from the time you receive the email.** Please download your files immediately. Included in the files will be a release granting you permission to reprint the photos should you have any difficulty with the vendor you choose for your prints. -Bryan Piepenburg

**St. John School Cheese Fry Fundraiser:** December 22<sup>nd</sup> St. John Students will be in the Narthex to take orders. Cash or Check only. Cheese Fries are from M & M Bakery in Athens, WI. 12-inch Cheese Fry with Sauce, 4/\$30 or \$8 each. The funds raised will be used for a variety of school activities. Thank you for supporting St. John Students and Teachers.

**Sunday school will not meet** on December 22 or December 29 during the Christmas break. Sunday school will also not meet on January 19 for the mortgage payment celebration.

**Christmas Cards** are now available on the cart in the Narthex. Cards are a \$1.00 a piece or a free will donation is acceptable. Other assorted cards are also available. There is a box behind the cart to put your money in.

**If anyone would like Portals of Prayer** or My Devotion the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Sign up for next year is needed by December 25th. The first copy you would receive is in April 2025. These devotions are free of charge because Adult Fellowship pays for the cost of these devotions.

**COFFEE HOUR** : After several years of providing refreshments between services on Sunday mornings, Diana Rux and Lorraine Christensen are stepping aside effective the end of December. **THANK YOU DIANA AND LORRAINE FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIFT OF SERVICE! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Beginning in January, we will need volunteers to keep coffee hour going. This is an easy and fun way to serve and simply involves making coffee, setting out treats, and a little clean up afterward. There will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchenette. Please consider signing up for a week or two so we can continue this great time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please talk to Carol Kunze, 715-432-7918

**On Sunday, December 29th, there will be only one Worship Service at 9:00 A.M.**

**Ukrainian Church blasted by missiles:** Books needed there and abroad. As Ukrainians prepare to celebrate their third Christmas amid continuing war, the need for books about the Savior, written in the Ukrainian and Russian languages, continues to grow. Late last month, the Lutheran Church in the city of Kharkiv was hit by S-400 missiles, destroying their worship space. Lutheran Heritage Foundation needs to continue printing, not only to replace lost books in situations like these, but also to supply Lutheran churches throughout the United States and Europe who are receiving large numbers of Ukrainian immigrants in their communities. YOU help these churches to overcome the language barrier to share the comfort of Christ with hurting Ukrainian families? Every \$5 you give to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation provides a book like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, "Jesus Never Fails," or The Best of the Portals of Prayer - books that clearly proclaim the Good News in the Ukrainian or Russian language. Give online at [lhfmmissions.org/donate/](http://lhfmmissions.org/donate/) and help LHF reach our goal of today providing 1,000 books in the languages of the world! You can also mail your donation to Lutheran Heritage Foundation, 51474 Romeo Plank Road, Macomb, MI 48042

**Community Christmas Dinner:** Wednesday, December 25th 12:00pm - 2:00pm. St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 426 Washington Street, Wausau, WI. Don't spend Christmas alone. Join your community for a free, hot Christmas dinner with all the fixings- Christmas Day at noon. No RSVP necessary. We will be serving turkey, ham, sides and desserts. Bring your friends and family- All are always welcome.

**New Year's Eve Day Polka Dance:** Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm - 5:00pm at Rib River by Accentu, 135737 Wisconsin 29, Marathon City. We Love to Polka, Central Wisconsin Polka Club. Featuring: Carol and The Keynotes. Admission: \$12.00. Sponsored By: Central Wisconsin Polka Club

**Note to the congregation:** If Church or activities are cancelled due to the weather, it will be broadcasted on the news channels cancellations as St. John Church Town of Easton.

**Thank you to everyone** that donated items for the Shopping Mall. A big Thank you to the Volunteers that helped the children with shopping and then wrapping their gifts. Thank you to Thrivent as we received a card for purchasing items needed. We raised \$964 for field trips for the students. After Christmas when items are discounted would be the time to think about buying items for next year. We will need wrapping paper, gift tags, non-perishable items. Gerry & Mary Marquardt