

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

SUNDAY December 8th

7:45 Worship
9:00 Education Hour
10:15 Worship
3:00 School Advent Program
6:00 Women's Bible Study

MONDAY December 9th

6:00 Prayer Time
6:00 School Board Meeting
6:30 Board of Christian Ed Meeting
7:00 Elders Meeting

TUESDAY December 10th

10:00 Women's Bible Study
12:00 Senior Club Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY December 11th

10:00 AbleLight Work Day
10:40 Chapel
6:30 JAM/Confirmation/Youth Group

THURSDAY December 12th
7:00 Worship H/C

FRIDAY December 13th

SATURDAY December 14th

SUNDAY December 15th

7:45 Worship H/C
9:00 Education Hour
10:15 Worship H/C
6:00 Women's Bible Study



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

Kyle Borchardt~ 7:45
Sean & Seth Baumann

Steve & Carol Kunze~ 10:15
Tom & Rhonda Swensen

ACOLYTES THIS WEEKEND

Thomas Rux~ 7:45
Ashley Betts~ 10:15
December 12th~Addison Marten

CLEANING TEAM

December 1st-14th– Diana Rux, Lorraine Christensen

A cry room is located by the choir loft steps.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Beverly Tesch (12/8)
Nancy Gieschen (12/11)
Naomi Kohn(12/11)
Carla Borchardt (12/14)



Happy Anniversary this week to:

David & Debra Zahrt (12/12)



God's Blessings on your special day!

The Week December 8th-December 15th 2024

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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

ATTENDANCE REPORT	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Thanksgiving Eve	106	112
Sunday, December 1st	145	144

BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL STATUS

Contributions received for week of December 1st, 2024
\$1100.00
Building Loan \$

OFFERING LAST WEEK

Envelope & Plate
Week of December 1st, 2024 \$4470.25
Tuition-\$1210.00 Extended Care-\$70.00
Debt Reduction (To pay Line of Credit Only)-\$.00
Line of Credit this week-\$.00
Expenses paid this week-\$1424.92
Payroll paid this week-\$17,442.00

Electronic Giving for week of November 24th

General Fund-\$122.00 Building Fund-\$673.00

2024 Advent Worship Schedule

Thursday, December 5th Midweek Advent Service
Thursday, December 12th Midweek Advent Service H/C
Thursday, December 19th– Advent Hymn Sing Service

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

Shopping Mall Donations for St. John School: We will again be having a Christmas Shopping Mall. Please consider donating homemade or purchased items to St. John School. These items will be tagged at low prices to sell to the 3K-8th Grade student shoppers on Wednesday, December 11th from 8:15-10:45 in the gym. Bring donated items to the Church office during the week. office hours are 8:00-2:00. The purpose is to have a shopping place for children to purchase affordable, inexpensive gifts for Mom, Dad , brothers and sisters. They will not only purchase the gifts, but also have them gift wrapped and labeled by volunteers before they take them home. This is a fundraiser event. All profits will go to field trips fund. If you would like to volunteer that day, or for more in formation contact Gerry Marquardt at 715-297-3167 or 715-297-5821.

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 15th and 22nd 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.

Memorials received this week: In memory of Jeff Long and Chuck Eno from Tom & Joan Erdman. In memory of Jim Wanish from Freddy Borchardt and Gary & Diana Rux. In memory of Alvina Jacobi from Beth Doucette.

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.

Trinity Merrill's Advent Series: NASA's Rev. Norman Schell at Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church 107 N State St., Wednesday, December 11, 6:30- 7:30 PM. Please join us For this special Wednesday, we are welcoming Reverend Norman Schell, NASA Engineer, as he presents on the Bethlehem Star. Numerous theories abound regarding the Star of Bethlehem, based on human logic and speculation. A former NASA Electro-Optical Engineer looks at the Bethlehem star from a Biblical perspective, using NASA technology. Using the Biblical text, and various NASA resources, we will journey to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Persia (present day Iraq). We will look at the "Magi" and their gifts, King Herod, Zoroastrian Astrology, calendar issues, and planetary conjunctions. The evidence points to an event of miraculous proportions and divine wisdom. Norman Schell served as an Electro-Optical Engineer with NASA during the Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab Programs, and was directly involved in the manned moon landings. He was one of three NASA engineers to argue for a "young" lunar surface and a shallow lunar dust covering. Following his tenure with NASA, he entered the full time Pastoral ministry. Rev. Schell retired from the active public ministry after serving Calls in Indiana, California, Colorado, and Wisconsin. During his tenure in public ministry, he developed multiple resources for Youth Ministry, as well as Adult and Junior Confirmation instruction curricula. He currently resides in Omaha, Nebraska. All are welcome.

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

We pray this week: Eternal God, give of all good gifts, You have brought us to this milestone in the life of St. John Lutheran Church and School. With gratitude to You, we remember the planning, the years of working together, the gifts, and the sense of common purpose that we have shared in this task. Bless us now as we rejoice in its completion. AMEN! As of December 4, 2024 the BUILDING FUND MORTGAGE is PAID IN FULL. Please join us in the celebration service on January 19, 2025.

