

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

SUNDAY December 24th

9:00 Advent Worship
3:30 Christmas Eve Worship H/C
6:00 Christmas Eve Children's Program
11:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship H/C

MONDAY December 25th

9:00 Christmas Day Worship
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY December 26th

Church Office Closed
Gym/Kitchen reserved all day

WEDNESDAY December 27th

10:00 Bethesda Work Day

THURSDAY December 28th

No Worship service

FRIDAY December 29th

SATURDAY December 30th

SUNDAY December 31st

9:00 Worship
7:00 New Year's Eve Worship H/C



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN PRAYER

Renaissance—Della Marquardt
Rennes—David & Norma Zimmermann,
Eugene Zunker
Care Partners—Florence Block
Atrium—Viola Thorson Primrose—Doris Strehlow
Mountain Terrace—Marion Schalow

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

ELDERS FOR DECEMBER

Dan Maas & Ryan Prah

ALTAR GUILD FOR DECEMBER

Lana Kunze
Susie Borchardt

USHERS THIS WEEKEND

Gerry & Mary Marquardt
John Christensen

Darrell Ramthun
Cal Siegel

ACOLYTES THIS WEEKEND

August Stransky~ 3:30 P.M. Worship

CLEANING TEAM THIS WEEK

Kris Prah

A cry room is located by the choir loft steps.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Joshua Opper (12/26)
Jonathan Shanak (12/27)
Raelyn Jome (12/27)
Bryce Schalow (12/27)
Mandy Habeck (12/31)
Norma Zimmermann (12/31)



Happy Anniversary this week to:

Clifford & Kristine Prah (12/26)
Seth & Allyssa Baumann (12/31)



God's Blessings on your special day!

The Week of December 24th-December 31st 2017

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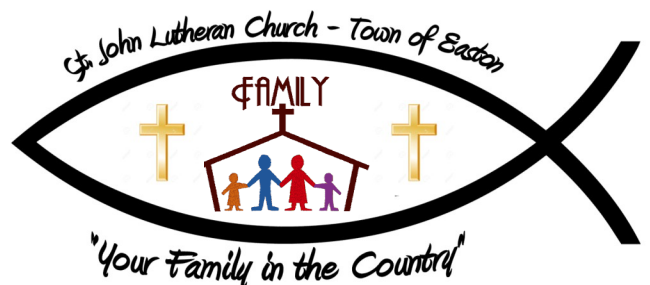
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Church & School Office Hours

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."

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY— 9:15 in the Missions and Ministry Room

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT	2016	2017
Thursday, December 14th	34	23
Sunday, December 17th	128	149

BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL STATUS

Contributions received for December 17th, 2017
\$1355.00

Built up in Jesus:(Current building fund campaign)

Mortgage Balance \$439,026.43. Next monthly payment due January 1 - \$5652.37. Yearly amount needed for the building fund payment - \$5652.37 x 12 months= \$67,828.44. Building Fund Checking Account: **\$600.54** as of December 8, 2017. Please consider making a yearend contribution to the building fund so we are able to make our next payment in January and the remaining payments in 2018. Only contributions made using the green "Building Fund" envelopes are used towards the payment of the mortgage. Building fund envelopes are available in the narthex and church office.

OFFERING LAST WEEK

Envelope & Plate
Sunday, December 17th, 2017 - \$3378.00
Tuition- \$710.00 Extended Care- \$262.00
Debt Reduction- \$180.00
Fall Behind Fund Match-\$20,000

Pastor John's Office Hours:

Monday: 7:30 am to 12:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:30 am to 10:00 AM ~Shut-in visits after
Wednesday: 7:00 AM to 9:00 A.M. & 4:30-8:30 P.M.
Thursday: 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday: Off
Saturday: By appointment
Cell phone number: 715-870-1700 call or text anytime
Email: pastorjohn@mailstjohn.com

Sunday School will not meet on December 24 and December 31.

St. John Holiday Worship Schedule

- * Christmas Day Worship, 9:00 A.M.
- * New Year's Eve Worship 7:00 P.M.

Memorials received this week: In memory of Margie Zahrt from Dan & Darla Woltmann.

Care Ministry will once again have the Cap and Mitten Tree . You can place your caps, mittens, scarves and socks under the big tree in the Narthex. We will take them to the Salvation Army latter this month. Thank you very much for all your donations. A blessed Christmas from all of us on the Care Ministry Committee.

Pointsettia Donations: Thank you to the following people who donated Poinsettia Plants that has added beauty to our Sanctuary this Christmas season. In honor of our children and grandchildren from Gary & Diana Rux, In memory of Matthew Chaignot from Serenity & Liana Chaignot, In memory of Melvin Benz from Laura Benz & Family. In memory of loved ones from Paul & Doris Clausen, In memory of our parents from the Maas Family, In honor of Florence Block from Lowell & Debbie Block, In memory of Terry Andersen and my parents from Deborah Andersen. In memory of Adeline Prael,

Ednamae Parsch, Shawn Opper, Dorothy Kunze and Margie Zahrt from Care Ministry, In memory of Nancy Marten from Wayne & Lucy Syring, in honor of Marion Schalow from Neal & Cindi Schalow, In memory of Larry Marten from Shirley, Chad, Addison Marten & Carrie Butenhoff. Plants were also donated by St. John Adult Fellowship and St. John Ladies Aid

A special thank you to those that donated Christmas Eve bulletin covers:

For Christmas Eve Children's Service~In loving memory of Kayla Abt from Kathy, John and Grace Glynn, Seth & Nikki Abt, Jordan Abt, Roger & Beverly Tesch

For the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service~In loving memory of Kelly Fenske and in honor of Annabelle & Emmett Fenske from Dale & Deb Fenske, Robert & Samantha Fenske, & Daniel & Melissa Fenske

People who want to support the formation and care of pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can now see nearly a dozen opportunities to do so all in one place: a new Pastoral Formation and Care online giving catalog. The words "Pastoral Formation and Care" reflect a variety of giving options that support the identification, recruitment and education of future pastors, continuing education for clergy and the ongoing spiritual, physical and financial well-being of both current and future pastors — all of which can affect the spiritual health of congregations and their members. The opportunity to support LCMS deaconess ministry under the supervision of a called and ordained pastor also is included.

Together As Synod (unrestricted gift) The traditional "subsidy" given by the LCMS to its seminaries comes out of unrestricted gifts to the LCMS and Sunday morning worship offerings, which means that every unrestricted contribution helps shore up LCMS seminaries and students. You can donate to the following: **LCMS Joint Seminary Fund, Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), Deaconess Ministry, Soldiers of the Cross: Pastoral and Family Care, Veterans of the Cross, Pastoral and Family Care, Specialized Pastoral Ministry, Pre-Seminary Education, Endowment for Pastoral Formation and Care, RSO Partners in Pastoral Formation and Care.** Gifts to any of these funds can be made by mail, online or over the telephone, as well as through planned giving such as donor-advised funds, a Christian will or trust, or contributions using assets. For details on how to give, visit the LCMS giving page at www.lcms.org.

Family Flurry Retreat: A great way to break up your winter and get outside! Bundle up and bring the family for an exciting weekend of winter activities and growing together in faith. The schedule allows for choices as a family to join the group or do things on your own. Some activities are also divided by age if you prefer. Gather families from your church and make it a group outing, or just get away for a family weekend. **Prepare to experience:** Broomball, Downhill Tubing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snow shoeing, Campfires, Worship and Devotions, Bible Study. **When?** January 26-28. This retreat will begin at 7:00pm on Friday and end at 10:30am on Sunday. **Cost?** \$100 per person (children under 5 years are free). Optional Meal Plan (breakfast Saturday-breakfast Sunday) - \$55 (Adults); \$48 (Age 13-17); \$38 (Age 5-12); Free (Age 0-4) **Housing?** This weekend your family will get to stay in one of our two or three bedroom cottages, all equipped with a full kitchen. **Ready to Register?** Go to www.campluther.com/adultfamily/family/familyflurry, Click the button that says Download Forms & Info to download a paper copy of the registration form. Fill out that form and return it to Camp Luther in order to reserve your family's spot for the weekend. **Questions?** Contact Beemer (Camp Luther's Director of Guest Services) at beemer@campluther.com