



# St. John's News and Notes Sunday, December 3, 2023

Sunday (12-03)	Worship w/Communion	9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Sunday School	10:15 am
	Congregational Meeting	10:15 am
Monday	Elders	9:00 am
	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm
	Bd of Trustees	7:00 pm
Tuesday	FROGS (Men)	9:00 am
	Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
	Handbell Rehearsal	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Ed Youth & Fam Bd	5:00 pm
	Confirmation (Holy Cross)	6:00 pm
	Stewardship	6:00 pm
	<b>Advent Service</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
Thursday	Bd of Evangelism	4:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday (12-10)	Worship	9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am

**Office Hours: Monday –  
Thursday 8:30 – 12:00**

### **Holy Communion**

For us at St. John's the Lord's Supper is a very sacred and Holy Meal. If you would like to join us at this Sacramental Supper, please read the [laminated invitation](#) in the seat pocket.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

If you are a guest visiting with us today please do not feel obligated to contribute to the offering plate when it is passed. Tithes and offerings are part of being a member of a church. This congregation would like to honor you as our guest today.

### **Notes for the Lord's Supper**

For those with sensitivities to alcohol, non-alcohol wine is offered in the light colored cups in the center of the communion tray. Also, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please contact an usher, the pastor, or an elder before the service so this can be available.

Pastor Krusemark can be called for emergencies –

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## Worship Service

**Sunday**  
9:00 am Worship

The **live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by **Loraine Andree** in memory of Loraine and Edward's parents Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hockemeyer and Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Andree. To God be the glory!

**December's internet streaming** sponsors are **Bob and Therese Augustin** in honor of Bob's mom and dad, Dalvin and Janet Augustin. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**Sponsor the Internet broadcast.** If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$117 a month) contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.

**Scrip Orders** – Thinking about ordering Scrip cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Scrip table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, December 17**. Place your order and check on the Scrip table or bring it to the office. **We will still have the usual cards available after service.**

**Take It to the Lord in Prayer.** Do you have a prayer concern or thanksgiving? Commend it to the Lord through your own prayers, but also through the loving service of our Prayer Chain. If you have an item you would like included on the Prayer Chain, please contact Miriam Luehmann at 437-7619 or email [Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com](mailto:Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com)

For our shut-in families desiring pastoral care or communion please contact Pastor Olana, (507) 438-3888, to set up a time. Pastoral visits typically take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**St. John's Call Committee has scheduled a Congregational Meeting**  
immediately following today's 9 am service.

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**Let's Encourage Our Shut-ins!**

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary. Please pick a shut-in to send cards and notes of encouragement to throughout this year. If you are comfortable with visiting you could visit your shut-in from time to time. All you have to do is sign your name by the shut-ins name you wish to send cards to for 2024. Pick up the paper with their name and address on it. Thank you all so much!

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**Changes To December Calendar**

Handbells will NOT rehearse on Tuesday, December 26  
Men's Bible Study will NOT meet Thursday, December 28

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Organ Renovation Fund – Donations are welcome and encouraged to achieve the 3-year goal of \$50,000, and can be made in several ways: one-time donation, regular, weekly, monthly or annual donations, as a gift in memory of, or in honor of someone, as a memorial, in the form of cash, checks, tax deductible appreciated stocks, mutual funds, bonds, etc. Fund progress can be viewed on the graph at the back of the Nave. Please make any donations in addition to your regular giving as it isn't the intent to take away from ongoing needs.

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**LWML**

We have an opportunity to get to know our fellow Christian women by signing up to be a **Secret Sister**. This is something we will do with Holy Cross and Our Savior's. Sign-up sheets are up - please consider this.

**Cookies for shut-ins are due by Sunday, December 10.** They need to be individually wrapped. We will pack and deliver them on Monday, December 11 at 9:00 am. We will also accept monetary donations for fruit.

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During today's service **Rose Shirley Snater** will be baptized.

AV Tech Sunday	Ellen Petersen
Organist Sunday	Doraine Graff

Deadline for weekly **News & Notes** is *Wednesday evening*.  
 Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the *15<sup>th</sup>* of the month.

The **Women's Bible Study** will be taking a break starting Tuesday, December 12 and resuming Tuesday, January 9.

**Scrip** Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. (*FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!*) You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3 - 10% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, indoor nativity set, and books and shelves for the library. Feel free to purchase any of the following Scrip cards after the service (**or purchase them from the office secretary during the week**):  
 Perkins: \$25      Kwik Trip: \$25, \$50, \$100  
 Culvers: \$10      Hy-Vee: \$50, \$100

**Shoe Away Hunger** If you have gently used shoes you no longer need consider placing them in the box near the office. One pair of shoes can supply a family with seven days of essential groceries. Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.

## Stewardship Thoughts

### December 3 – Advent 1

1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.



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