



# St. John's News and Notes

## Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sunday (12-24)	Worship	9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Monday	<b>Christmas Day w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
	<i>No Youth Group</i>	
Thursday	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday (12-31)	Worship	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:15 am

Pastor Krusemark can be called for emergencies –  
**507-450-2012**

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.

**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.

## **Worship Services**

9:00 am Worship  
5:30 pm Christmas Eve  
9:00 am Christmas Day

The **live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by **Randy and Doraine Graff** in thanksgiving for the Infant Jesus, the Promise of Eternal Life, and His Word. 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, January 21**. 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)

**Are you looking for a fun adventure?** Pick out a book from our church library or book mobile.

## 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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Please note there will **NOT** be a 5:30 New Year's Eve Service on December 31

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**Men's Bible Study** - will not meet Thursday, December 28th,  
but will resume Thursday, January 4th.

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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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During this morning's service **Andrew Stilgenbauer** will be baptized. Andrew is the son of Hutch and Nyajuok Stilgenbauer. His sponsors are Levi Pau and Nyajal Dup.

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Please note that when **Handbell Rehearsal** resumes in January  
the meeting time will now be **5:15 pm** on Tuesdays

AV Tech Sunday 9:00	Ellen Petersen
AV Tech Christmas Eve	Rocky Schammel
AV Tech Christmas Day	
Organist Sunday 9:00	Gale Siegfried
Organist Christmas Eve	Dorraine Graff
Organist Christmas Day	Annette Kiehne

**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

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

**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 24 – Advent 4

2 Samuel 7:4-5 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God’s kingdom.



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