



# St. John's News and Notes

## Sunday, December 31, 2023

Sunday (12-31)	Worship	9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Monday	<b>New Year's Day</b>	
Tuesday	FROGS (Men)	9:00 am
	Handbell Rehearsal	5:15 pm
Wednesday	Ed., Youth & Family	5:00 pm
	Stewardship	6:00 pm
	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 (01-07)	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 –  
**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.

## **Worship Services**

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Bible Study

The **live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Randy and Doraine Graff in thanksgiving for our church and church family. 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.

The **2024 collection envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are on the table on the east side of the church. Please do so. Thank you, Stewardship Board

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

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**Men's Bible Study** - will resume Thursday, January 4th.  
**Women's Bible Study** – will resume Tuesday, January 9th

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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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A member of St. John's, Larry Waters, husband of Pam Waters, died December 19, 2023. His service was held on Wednesday, December 26. Blessed be his memory.

AV Tech Sunday 9:00	Joanne Miller
Organist Sunday 9:00	Gale Siegfried

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

**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 31 – Christmas 1

Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth.” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

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