



# St. John's News and Notes Sunday, December 8, 2024

<b>Sunday (12-08) Worship</b>		9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	Quilters	9:00 am
	Bd of Trustees	7:00 pm
	<b>Packing cookies for Shut-ins</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
	Handbell Rehearsal	5:15 pm
	Church Council	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation	6:00 pm
	<b>Advent Service</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Social Ministry	4:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday (12-15) Worship w/Communion</b>		9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Sunday School/Bible Study	10:15 am

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

**Office Hours: Monday –  
Thursday 9:00 – 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**

### **Sunday**

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Education Hour

### **Tuesday**

1:00 Women's Bible Study

### **Thursday**

5:00 Men's Bible Study

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by St. John's Library Committee to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Newborn King. To God be the Glory!

December live streaming is sponsored by **Kaaren and Dick Wuertz** in memory of their parents, Lorenz & Velma Wuertz and Glenn & Bernice Hovland. "What a blessing to have had Christian parents."

**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.

**The Radio Broadcast still has one opening late December.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast the fee is \$150.00 per week. Contact Ellen Petersen, or drop off a check in the church office payable to St. Johns Radio Broadcast. Thank you!

**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 15**. 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 Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Men's Bible Study** - *On the Life, & Ministry of the Messiah* video-based Bible study weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographic contexts and reveals insights into Scripture's significance for our lives today. Thursdays at 5:00 in the conference room.

**Women's Bible Study** - We meet on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm. We are currently studying the book of Isaiah "Herald of the Messiah." If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Pam Reistad at 507-440-1939 or just come to the Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:00. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Quilters Welcome Donations**

The quilting ladies would appreciate any donations of clean sheets – flat or fitted, any color, any size, would work.

### **United Way Winter Wear Donations**

We will be participating in a project to collect winter clothing suitable for students. Please bring any donations you may have to the special box in the east entry. More information can be found on posters found on bulletin boards in both entries.

### **Nativity Set Display Sponsored by the Library Committee**

*Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas*

There will be a display of nativity sets in the Fellowship Hall for the Jesus Birthday Party which is today after the worship service.

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*Jesus is the Reason for the Season* Christmas Message  
Sunday School Participants

#### Preschool

Brooks Farrell  
Brantley Steinbrink  
Lennox Strouf

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Nelainy Steinbrink  
Stiles Tovar

K  
Brett Farrell  
Reagan Tapp  
Silen Tovar

4<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabeth Amaya

1<sup>st</sup>  
Aislee Steinbrink

6<sup>th</sup>  
Ezrya Shuster

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.

**Advent Devotion Booklets are available on the  
usher stands in the sanctuary.**

**Hard of hearing?** Headphones and receivers are available to assist in listening during our worship services. Talk to Rocky Schammel, David Ruhnke or an usher for help.

**Please pick up 2025 envelopes from the  
table on the east side of sanctuary.**

**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.

## December 8 – Advent II

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming and we don’t.



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