



# St. John's News and Notes

## Sunday, December 15, 2024

<b>Sunday (12-15) Worship w/Communion</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Confirmation 6:00 pm <b>Advent Service</b> 6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday (12-22) Worship</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

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.

**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

### 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 Pastor John and Carol Schleicher in memory of Carol's parents Mel and Marie Precht. 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).

**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.

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

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**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.

AV Tech Sunday	Joanne Miller
AV Tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel
Organist Sunday	Annette Kiehne
Organist Wednesday	Doraine Graff

**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.

**December 15 – Advent III**

Philippians 4:5–6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.



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