### St. John's Lutheran Church December, 2024

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Karie Peters Office Manager, Director of Family & Youth Ministry

> Janet Francies & Jan LaSota Keyboardists

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy.



## Gather Grow Go



Beloved in Christ,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I walked into Kohl's department store, about a month ago, and their Christmas decorations were up already. Probably two months ago, Hobby Lobby had their trees out for display. I just wanted to shout, "I'm NOT ready to be merry and bright." And the tears came. Yet, in the same tears came great joy, for me. This should be the most joyous time of the year, right? Unfortunately, for some, it is not. We think of Christmases past and how our families used to gather. This opens some tender grieving spaces for us and that is truly ok!

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm St. John will host a Blue Christmas worship, that I invite all of you to attend. Many do not understand, why a Blue Christmas worship? There are many who are blue about time past, summer and fall gone and the change of seasons. December 21<sup>st</sup> happens to be the longest night of the year, the shortest time of daylight each year. For some, this time of year, because of all the holidays and celebrations, is a lonely time and thus a reminder of the loss of friends and loved ones, or even the mourning of the loss of relationships.

The Blue Christmas Candlelight Prayer Service is a time to come together, as the body of Christ, to support one another in our loneliness, our grief and the longing for longer daylight hours. I have seen people come into this worship with long faces but see smiles as they leave as we are reminded in this holy time together that we are not alone in our grief, Jesus wept too. Jesus lamented to his Father in heaven and although his prayers were not always answered, Jesus stood in the promise of who God is for the world. God's promises are sure and true as God sent his only Son to shine light into the darkness, into our individual and collective darkness, into a time that seemed so chaotic in the world.

I invite you to come celebrate the light in the darkness, in our candlelight prayer service. You will find a place to release all your fears and lament. Experience personal prayer and anointing to remember the day you were claimed as a child of God and be reminded of your light to one another and in the world. Even amidst our grief we have much to celebrate as children of God. And most importantly hear God's redeeming word.

As I look forward to Christmas Eve, I celebrate Mary who took heed to the angel sharing the good news of Immanuel, God with us. I celebrate the man, Joseph, who trusted in God and his important place in the raising of Jesus, and I celebrate the Light that shines through the darkness, and shines in all of you because you are the Light of the World.

Blessings in your celebrations, volunteerism, generosity, gatherings, and your travels. I look forward to celebrating Advent and Christmas with you, your families, and friends.

*"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Baptism Liturgy, ELW pg. 231

In Christ, *Pr. Stacy* Merry Christmas!



#### Income & Worship Attendance Summary

October, 2024

	Actual Current Month	Budget Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual vs Budget	
Total Offerings	\$12,106.45	\$12,350.00	\$117,957.03	\$123,500.00	(\$5,542.97)	
Total Revenue	\$18,274.83	\$12,350.00	\$150,659.20	\$123,500.00	\$27,159.20	
Total Expenses	\$17,418.07	\$17,819.17	\$173,062.90	\$179,716.59	(\$6,653.69)	
Profit/Loss Net Cash Increase/(Decrease)	\$856.76	(\$5,469.17)	(\$22,403.70)	(\$56,216.59)	\$33,812.89	
Average Weekly A	ttendance for Octob		95			

Please feel free to contact the church office for a complete financial report.



2024 Council Information: Sara Beth Holman- President, Stewardship Liaison Tracey Krumrei- Vice President Shellie Virtues- Secretary Barb Dorn-Financial Secretary, Technology Team Liaison Pastor Stacy Malzhan

Curt Anschutz- Building & Grounds Liaison Michelle Marchand- Outreach Team Liaison Amy Spaude Betty Stevens- Outreach Team Rob Urbaniak- Youth & Education Team Liaison

#### Ecumenical Partnership for Housing



"Give Them Roots and Create Wings"

St. John's Lutheran of Little Suamico entered into a supportive partnership with EPH this summer. The impact this organization makes is remarkable. Entirely faith based, this group works to effectively help end the cycle of homelessness in our area.

A Success Story to share ....

Four years ago, Natasha (name changed for confidentiality reasons) entered a domestic violence shelter with her children after leaving an abusive relationship. The shelter provided immediate safety for her family, but she struggled to find a place to go when it was time to move on. Natasha knew she would need more time to overcome the barriers preventing her from being able to get approved to rent an apartment. Determined to find a solution, she stayed up all night searching for options online. She happened to come across a news article about Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, and the next morning, she approached her case manager and asked to be referred to EPH. Soon after, Natasha and her children moved into an EPH transitional housing duplex.

Upon moving into the home, Natasha was matched with a case manager to support her as she worked towards self-sufficiency. Families in the transitional housing program meet with a case manager weekly and focus on goals related to family well-being, financial stability, housing security, employment, education, and home care. After about a year, Natasha was ready to move on. She was accepted into the long-term supportive housing program and began renting a house owned by EPH.

The long-term supportive housing program allows families to rent from EPH for up to approximately three years while continuing to meet with a case manager regularly. The goal is that by the end of this time, families will be able to get approved to rent from a traditional landlord or purchase the home from EPH. Offering families the option to buy the home they live in provides the benefits of not having to move their family again and not having to compete in the housing market. EPH uses funds from the sale of homes to replace the property and continue serving the same number of families.



While in EPH housing programs, Natasha worked hard to reach her goal of becoming a homeowner. She secured a higher paying job and earned two promotions since getting hired, significantly increasing her income. She participated in budget counseling, satisfied her debts, and improved her credit score. Eventually, she reached a point where she was able to get approved for a home loan, and all her hard work and determination paid off in September

2024, as Natasha became a first-time homeowner!

When asked what made the biggest difference in her life during her time with EPH, Natasha stated that having the support of the team and the opportunity to focus and pay down debt made all the difference for her. She also said she would encourage other mothers entering our program by telling them, "Everything will be fine. Take advantage of the opportunity you are being given and know that no matter what your circumstances are, where you come from, or who your family is, you always have the opportunity to elevate yourself."

Natasha has accomplished so much already, but she's not done dreaming yet! She told us she has a new five-year goal of purchasing a four-plex and becoming a rental property owner. With her unstoppable drive and work ethic, we have no doubt she will accomplish all she sets out to do!

#### **Double Your Impact This Giving Tuesday**

We are excited to share that we have an extremely dedicated supporter who will be matching gifts made to EPH during our Giving Tuesday campaign this year– dollar for dollar – up to \$50,000! Donations made between Thanksgiving and Friday, December 6, 2024, will have double the impact. Visit ephgb.org/donate or mail a check to EPH, PO Box 524, Green Bay, WI 54305. Together, we can reach our goal of raising \$100,000 during our Giving Tuesday campaign to help families facing homelessness in our community!

#### What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement meant to unleash the power of radical generosity around the world. Since its inception in 2012, Giving Tuesday has been celebrated each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving as a day to encourage people to "do good" and give generously. This year, Giving Tuesday lands on December 3, 2024. Visit <u>givingtuesday.org</u> to learn more.

If you would like to know more, or would like to help and become involved in EPH, please let Bruce Russell, 920-438-9264, or Pastor Stacy know.

#### **Youth & Education**



#### Faith Finders! (Sunday School)

Sunday School takes place following Worship until 11:00 am every Sunday. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend! Children are always welcome to bring a friend as well!

Sunday School Classes will be on a Christmas Break until January 5, 2025. Please see Miss Karie if you have any questions. Sunday School Registration Forms: <u>https://forms.gle/qpCVuLgxfAFkUGnp8</u>



#### The LYO is open to all Teens grades 6th through 12th Grades~

12/4/2024	Advent Worship with Dinner				
12/8/2024	Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15-Noon				
12/11/2024	Advent Worship with Dinner				
12/14/2024	Christmas Program Rehearsal, 9:00am-11:00am				
12/15/2024	Christmas Program				
12/18/2024	Advent Worship with Dinner				
12/21/2024	LYO Breakfast Club				
12/22/2024	LYO Bible Study, 10:15-11:00				

#### LYO Bible Study



Sunday, December 22nd & Sunday, January 19th Following Worship in the LYO Room downstairs. February Bible Study- SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING! See details below. LET KARIE KNOW ASAP IF YOUR YOUTH IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AS REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 13TH!

#### **Club 9:**

#### Music, Entertainment, Prayer, Laughter & Fun– WHERE?



#### The Upcoming Synod Youth Gathering!!!

Save the Date:

February 21-23, 2025

Location: Imago Dei Village, Clintonville, WI

ROMANS 8:38-39

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend at the Journey with Jesus 2025 Youth Retreat, hosted by the East Central Synod of Wisconsin! This retreat is designed for junior high and high school youth to come together, grow in their faith, and build deeper connections with their peers and God.

What to Expect:

- Inspiring Guest Speakers: Hear from dynamic speakers who will challenge and encourage you to deepen your walk with Christ.
- Engaging Bible Studies: Dive into God's Word through interactive, thought-provoking studies that will help you explore your faith in a fresh and meaningful way.
- Hands-On Workshops: Participate in workshops that provide practical tools for living out your faith in everyday life.
- Uplifting Music & Meaningful Worship: Experience powerful worship sessions that will inspire and uplift your spirit, helping you connect with God in a community of believers.
- Camp Fun & Fellowship: Enjoy the great outdoors and unforgettable camp experiences, including a night hike, campfire, dance party, and plenty of time for fellowship with new and old friends.
- Hot Cocoa & Snacks: Warm up with delicious hot cocoa and tasty snacks throughout the weekend!

This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life and focus on your spiritual journey while having fun, making memories, and building lasting friendships.

Please let Miss Karie know ASAP if your youth would like to attend! Registration is open now. Miss Karie will attend with the group for this event. Synod Youth Gatherings are an INCREDIBLE experience - memories which will last a lifetime! Join teens from across the state for this fun weekend adventure in Faith!



#### From the Faith Forward Program

Fun. Faith Fami		Advent is the s prepare to ce arrival or com	season beginning fo lebrate Christ's cor ing. While many C	our Sundays before ning as their Lord	Christmas. During A and Savior. The wo focus on preparing ist.	Advent, Christians ord Advent means		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
"A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler. His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (CEV)								
Read Matthew 1 1:18-25.	While you decorate 2 talk about Jesus' 2 birth leading to his death, resurrection and your salvation.	Shop for a gift for 3 a charity. Say a prayer for the recipient.	Leave a note and 4 cookies for your mail carrier.	Watch your favorite 5 Christmas movie.	Bake cookies for elderly church members who are living in care facilities.	Read Luke 1:26-38.		
BIBLE READING	FAITH CONVERSATION	PRAYER	ACT OF SERVICE	RITUAL/TRADITION	ACT OF SERVICE	BIBLE READING		
Make a ginger- 8 bread house using graham crackers and frosting.	Sing Christmas 9 carols at mealtime.	Say a prayer 10 only for others.	Use the Nativity <b>11</b> scene pieces to retell the Christmas story.	Donate your 12 gently-used clothes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.	Decorate a 13 birthday cake or cup- cake and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.	Read Micah 5:2 1		
RITUAL/TRADITION	SHARED MEALTIME	PRAYER	FAITH CONVERSATION	ACT OF SERVICE	RITUAL/TRADITION	BIBLE READING		
Donate a sack of <b>15</b> grocieries to a local food bank.	Pray the words of 16 the Advent candles: HOPE, LOVE JOY, PEACE, & CHRIST.	Bake Christmas 17 cookies. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17 while you make them.	Text "Merry Christmas, Jesus Loves You" to a friend.	Instead of a 19 letter to Santa write a prayer to Jesus.	Take a plate of home- made cookies to your mechanic, doctor, or neigh- bor with a note of Christian	Read Matthew 2 2:1-12.		
ACT OF SERVICE	PRAYER	SHARED MEALTIME	FAITH CONVERSATION	PRAYER	encouragement. ACT OF SERVICE	BIBLE READING		
your local animal shelter in the name	Cut out sandwiches with a star-shaped cookie cutter. Talk about following Christ as the Wise Men followed the star.	Attend a candle-24 light Christmas Eve church service.	Read 25 Luke 2:1-20.	₩ <b>f</b>		ward assing faith on		
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FIVE FAITH PROMISES: PRAYER • BIBLE READING • FAITH CONVERSATION • ACTS OF SERVICE • SHARED MEALTIMES & OTHER RITUALS/TRADITIONS

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#### **Triple-A-Adult Mentors**

Register today to learn the skills every church adult needs to support and shape your young people's faith formation!

#### What is a Triple-A-Adult you ask?

It is what every young person is looking for! People who are...

- Authentic
- Available
- Affirming

We want our church to be full of **Triple-A-Adults!** We want our church to be where youth often hear the words, **"YAY for you!"** 

We want our church to be the place where young people often hear the words, "We need you!"

#### Zoom Workshops for Triple-A-Adult Mentors

Session 1: Thursday, Sept. 5 OR Nov. 21, 7-8:15 p.m. Session 2:

Sunday, Jan. 26, 6-7:15 p.m.

Register for this FREE workshop.





No matter the age of your kids, from tots to teens you can pass on a faith that lasts. Find out more at the Parenting Faith workshops.

Session 1:

Thursday, Aug. 29 OR Nov. 7, 7-8:15 p.m. Session 2:

Sunday, Jan. 19, 6-7:15 p.m.



Register today for this FREE workshop.



You can be that grandparent who is remembered for your faith and life! You matter! You play a vital role in shaping the faith of your grandkids. Find out more at the Grandparenting Faith workshops.

#### Session 1:

Thursday, Aug. 22 OR Oct. 24, 7-8:15 p.m.

#### Session 2:

Sunday, Jan. 12, 6-7:15 p.m.



Register today for this FREE workshop.





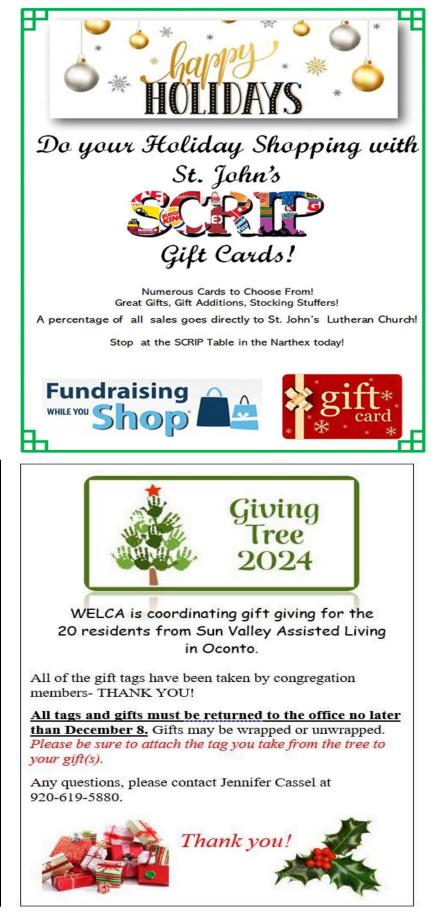
#### Echoes of Faith Men's Choir

Rehearsals will take place the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month at

8:00 a.m.

Performances during Worship the 2nd Sunday of each month

All men are welcome to join!





#### The Chosen Series Dinner Study St. John's Lutheran Church

1253 County Road J • Little Suamico

Mondays October 14, November 11, Dec 9 @ 6:15pm

Enjoy a soup dinner and fellowship while we dive into a study of the popular Christian series *The Chosen.* 

Contact Sindi Anschutz, Pastor Stacy or the Church Office with any questions.

(920) 826-7785 · stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org



#### **Blood Drive**

St Johns of Little Suamico 1253 County Rd J

#### Monday, December 9, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org

Come give blood Dec. 9 to 15 for \$15 e-gift card as our gift to you. See rcblood.org/gifts.



#### Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Midweek Worship Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. December 4, December 11, December 18 Simple Supper: Served from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. each Advent Wednesday



What is a Blue Christmas Service?

A service of remembrance, healing and hope, this service is held on or near the Winter Solstice- the longest night of the winter season. For those struggling with grief, loss, or any life difficulties one may be holding, this is a candlelight service with music, scripture reflection, prayer, and an opportunity for anointing-to offer strength on our journey.

Please join us on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Share the invitation with your friends and family.



Christmas Eve Worship Services Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. Worship Assistants are Needed ~ Please contact Karie to volunteer.

#### Worship Assistants are needed for Christmas Eve.

## Christmas Eve Worship Assistants Needed

	5:00 pm Worship Service	7:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	<ol> <li>Beth Wentz</li> <li>Andy Dorn</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	1. Lorna Koch 2. John Warren 3.
Communion Assistants	1. 2. 3. 4.	<ol> <li>Amy Spaude</li> <li>Scott Spaude</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> </ol>
Communion Steward	1.	1.
Greeters	1. 2.	<ol> <li>Linda Slaby</li> <li>Bob Slaby</li> </ol>
Welcome Desk	1.	1.
Reader	<ol> <li>Duayne Rosenberg</li> <li>Kim Dunks</li> </ol>	1. Desiree Kozlovsky 2. Scott Spaude
Acolyte	1.	1.
Technology	1.	1.
Offering Counters	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.

#### Please contact Karie in the Church Office if you are able to assist. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

## order Your Christmas Poinsettias

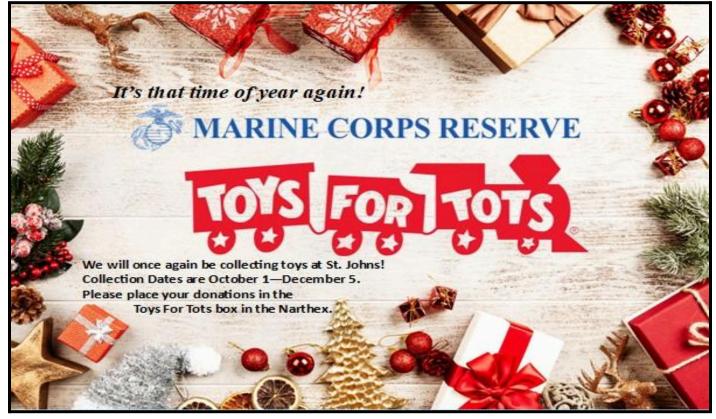
St. John's will be ordering poinsettias from The Flower Shoppe in Oconto Falls for our Sanctuary this Holiday Season.

All plants are 6.5 inches and sell for \$20.00 each. This price includes foil and a bow.

Flowers are available in your choice of red, white or pink.

Orders due by December 1st

Please see Shellie Virtues if you have any questions.



Not sure what to donate? Here is a Toys For Tots Wishlist to help! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/ci9h2wR?ref\_=wl\_share



#### Children's Christmas Program, 2024

#### Save the Dates

Rehearsals Sunday, December 8—10:15 a.m. to Noon Saturday, December 14— 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Program Sunday, December 15— during Worship

## Ecumenical Partnership *for* Housing



#### "Give Them Roots and Create Wings"

Looking to give back or help with an incredible organization?

Here is your answer .....

St. John's is looking for a person(s) to help form a team that will work with EPH and the families they serve during the transition (move) process. Approximately once per year the families in "Transitional Housing" will move. This creates a need to clean the house and to prep it for the next family.

Imagine choosing the furniture, the dishes, and often the initial toys that will help welcome the new family into their new home! We will also cook and deliver their first meal the day that the family moves in. Having done this in the past, it is a wonderful experience.

We would love to have you involved as well.....

If you have any interest, or have questions, please reach out to Pastor Stacy or Bruce Russell, <u>mailto:3bplus1@bayland.net</u> or 920-438-9264.



#### In our Community

Connecting Through Son

OF ST. NORBERT COLLEGE Kent Paulsen, Artistic Director

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Enjoy the beauty and majesty of sacred Christmas carols, bright selections for organ and piano, and more....



Posting Policy Approved 9/11/24 - 12/8/24

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church 2270 S. Oneida Street Green Bay

> For info: birderchorale.com

No tickets necessary. Donations at door.



# **December 2024**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Building & Grounds Mtg	2 <b>6pm,</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	3 <b>4pm,</b> Stewardship/ Budget Meeting	4 Advent 1 5:30pm Simple Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship	5	6 <mark>Office Closed</mark>	7 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
8 8:00am, EOF Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service w/EOF 10:15am Fellowship Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal WELCA Meeting	9 12 pm - 5:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive American Red Cross 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting 6:15pm, The Chosen Dinner Study Series	10 <b>6:30pm</b> Council	11 Advent 2 5:30pm Simple Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship	12	13 Office Closed	14 9:00am-11:00am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 6pm AA Meeting
15 Children's Christmas Program 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Brunch with Baby Jesus!	16 Annual Report Submissions Due 6:00pm, IRS Book Club 6:00pm, Praise Team Rehearsal	17	18 Advent 3 5:30pm Simple Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship	19 Articles for Newsletter Due	20 Office Closed	21 LYO Breakfast Club Outing 4:30pm, Blue Christmas Worship Christmas Worship Christmas worship 6pm AA Meeting
22 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship LYO Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Worship Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 <b>6pm</b> AA Meeting
29 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship	30 Karie Working from Home	31 New Year's Eve Karie Working from Home	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 <mark>Office Closed</mark>	4 6pm AA Meeting

### December

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- Dec. 1 Pat Rosenberg
- Dec. 2 Tim Eichman
- Dec. 3 Nick Dunks, Tim Peters
- Dec. 4 Dan Freis, Sam Walkowiak
- Dec. 5 Josephine Coyier
- Dec. 6 Cheri Stage
- Dec. 8 Natasha Chapman, Karie Peters, Betsy Russell, Katie Steber
- Dec. 12 Kamdyn Lance, Kimber Lance
- Dec. 13 Hunter McDermid, Jaxon Schwartz
- Dec. 15 Bill Foster, Rob Gleffe, Ralph Kleczka
- Dec. 16 Brittany Russell, Brian Virtues
- Dec. 18 Amber Delzer, Peggy Mueller, Liz Slaby
- Dec. 19 Edward Borowitz, Bill Kissinger
- Dec. 20 Marie Behling
- Dec. 21 Susy Pagel
- Dec. 23 Madison Bloom
- Dec. 27 Dan Deau, Cameron Stewart
- Dec. 29 Jim Holtz

#### **Service in the Church**

#### January Roger & Eunice Redlin

Jessy & Jacqueline Haid Jim & Joni Holtz Bill & Kay Kissinger Keith & Karen Kolstad Bruce & Jan LaSota

Megan Raymaker Sam & Brenda Walkowiak Keith Werner Janet Wiegman

#### March John & Mary Warren

Ashley Bloom Len & Diana Brickett Doug & Jenn Cassel Scott & Tammy Kissinger

Donn & Marie Behling

Jake & Nicole Dembroski

Dan & Kelly Deau

Shaun & Alana Eder

Dennis & Peg Mueller Paul & Terri Poradek Erin Willis

May Doug & Helen Malueg

> Brett & Holly King Tom & Barbara King Todd & Roxanne Kissinger Scott & Amy Spaude

July Tim & Brenda Bloom

Tim & Brenda Bloom Brian & Natasha Chapman Nick & Kim Dunks Jan Francies Janet Heider Bill & Kelly Heier

Bruce & Betsy Russell Kevin & Wendy Smith Kathie Surges The Urbaniak Family Larry & Lynne Wirtz Jenny Yakes

#### September Duayne & Pat Rosenberg

Pat Bastian Travis & Renee Falkowski Stephanie Hakkila Jim & Brooke Hilbert

Peggy Bennett

Doris Fleck

John & Dawn Demeny

Todd & Sara Beth Holman Steve & Angie Larsen Larry Schmidtke Dave Zimmerman

November Pat & Shellie Virtues

Sharon Schultz Dennis & Dawn Brouillard Betty Stevens Brian & Anne Virtues

Bill Foster Rob & Nancy Gleffe Michael & Kim Mahr

Susan Mittelstaedt Bob & Linda Slaby

#### December Jerry & Michelle Cooper

Andy & Barb Dorn Robin Schmit Dorn Roger & Cheryl Lambert Tim & Karie Peters

Diana Sefcik Mark & Barbara Seiltz Beth Wentz

Eric & Mary Ellen Hansen Lorna Koch Michelle Marchand Nancy Moes

Bev & Dennis Posslev Renee Possley George Zahorik

#### April Curt & Sindi Anschutz

February Nancy Valentine

Mike & Beth Babik Paul Delzer Tim & Julie Eichman Darrin & Alyssa Evans

Vic & Sandy Heitzkey Mark & Joanne Risso Shari Seidl Rick & Nikki Yedica

#### June Pam & Tracey Krumrei

Jerry & Sara Arndt Tina Bergh Darrell & Carol Brehmer Dan & JMarie Freis Arlene Giese Pam Giese

Ralph & Judith Kleczka Fran Koski Desiree Kozlovsky Lisa Rosenberg Rick Rosenberg

August Tim & Karen Heimerl

Clayton & Brenda Kutska Robert & Melissa Luedtke Riley & Chuck McDermid

Ken & Susy Pagel Chad & Kelly Stellmacher Greg & Tammy Yager Ken Yost

October Dave & Ginny Burkart

### Joe & Lauri Cahoon-Draus

Faithful Servants for December Worship Assistants are Needed for December Services. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.								
	Sunday Dec 1	Sunday Dec 8	Sunday Dec 15	Sunday Dec 22	Dec 24 5:00 p.m.	Dec 24 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec 29	
Acolyte	Aubrey & John Schuh	Easton & Payton Eder	Needed	Zach Steber	1.	1.	Needed	
Communion Assistants	Ginny Burkart <i>Three Needed</i>	Four Needed	Nancy Gleffe <i>Three</i> <i>Needed</i>	Ginny Burkart <i>Three</i> <i>Needed</i>	1. 2. 3. 4.	Amy Spaude Scott Spaude 3. 4.	Four Needed	
Communion Steward	Helen Malueg	Needed	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart	1.	1.	Lorna Koch	
Greeters	Needed	Needed	John Warren <b>One Needed</b>	Tim & Karie Peters	1. 2.	Linda Slaby Bob Slaby	Needed	
Reader	Rob Urbaniak	Needed	Lauri Cahoon-Draus	Sara Beth Holman	Duayne Rosenberg Kim Dunks	Desiree Kozlovsky Scott Spaude	Nancy Valentine	
Scrip Volunteers	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen			Steve & Angie Larsen	
	Susan Mittelstaedt	Susan Mittelstaedt	Susan Mittelstaedt	Susan Mittelstaedt			Susan Mittelstaedt	
Ushers	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family	John Warren Lorna Koch	Steve & Angie Larsen Dave Zimmerman	Andy Dorn John Warren	Beth Wentz Andy Dorn 3. 4.	Lorna Koch John Warren 3. 4.	Tracey Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues	
Technology Team	Curt Anschutz	Payton Eder	Zach Steber	Rayce Kissinger	1.	1.	Easton Eder	
Welcome Center	John Warren	Nancy Valentine	Needed	Eunice Redlin	1.	1.	Eunice Redlin	
Offering Counters	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	Barb Dorn*	Kelly Stellmacher* Julie Eichman	Doug & Jenn* Cassel John Warren	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	Barb Dorn* Rob & Nancy Gleffe	

Please let Karie Peters know if you would like to join any Worship Assistant rotations for upcoming services.

#### **From the Church Office**



Annual Report Submissions are due to the office NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16, 2024.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting Notification**



Please be sure to give all of your December Offerings no later than our Worship Service on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> if you would like them included on your 2024 Giving Statement. Thank you!

#### **Do We Have Your Email Address?**

Are you missing out on important news from St. John's simply because we don't have your email address? At St. John's, we send out one brief weekly email message called "*This Week at St. John's*" to keep you informed of all the important activities here at church. Occasionally we send a weather-related cancellation or an urgent request for help, but we DO NOT send jokes, chain letters, advertisements or forwarded messages. We don't give out your email to anyone outside of church. You won't end up on any random mailing lists as a result of subscribing.

So... please send us an email so we can add your name to our list!

Send it to: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org.

Remember, you can be taken off our list at any time if you change your mind.



Now that the Lighthouse is sent online, make sure to update your email with the church so you don't miss any of the important information going out to members.

Please either write your information on one of the green cards located in the pews or send an email to the church office.





There are PRAYER CARDS in the Narthex beneath the nametags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and will remain there for 3 weeks. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Please be sure to send your January Lighthouse submissions to the church office no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>. God Bless!