
St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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December 2023



Our culture has lost all semblance of time. Christmas displays are up with Halloween displays as Thanksgiving gets trampled from both directions. Advent has been trampled for years.

So we begin the Church year in Advent. We pause in the midst of all the celebrations to remember that life is often hard. We live in a broken, sinful world. As we descend into the darkness of December, we know the darkness of the world. We know the darkness of people's hearts. We know the darkness is often overwhelming.

We begin the Church year in Hope. Advent is all about Hope. We don't need Hope when life is good; when life is easy. We need hope however, in the dark times of our world and of our lives.

Christ will come again. He is our hope. We know that no matter how bad our present circumstances are, no matter how dark our world seems, the King of the Universe will act to set things right. Christ wins in the end.

As I pray for the peace of Jerusalem, the peace of the Middle East and Ukraine and Sudan and the world, I pray in the confidence of knowing that God is in control and He will win in the end.

As I pray for you in the midst of your personal struggles and the darkness that you may be encountering, that I pray in the confidence of our loving God who is with us to lead us through the darkness.

I thank God for Advent. It is the season of Hope. Our Hope is grounded in Christ's coming again to set life right. He alone can heal our broken world.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Johnson

St. John's Lutheran Church



Annual Christmas Concert

218 North Jefferson Street ❁ Kittanning, PA

**Sunday, December 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.**



**Presented by the
Senior Vocal and Bell Choirs**

*The concert is free. Please join us after the concert for refreshments
For Information call: 724.548.2051.*



Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, December 10th
following 11:00 am worship

for the purpose of electing new Congregational Council members, and voting on designating the 2022 New Church Building Fund earnings for the building loan.

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Vanco Electronic Giving APP

You can make a contribution to St. John's through a mobile app!

To get started, download "Vanco Mobile" for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "Vanco Mobile" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry and thank you for your support!

1. Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
2. Search for St Johns Lutheran Church.
3. Do NOT use a PERIOD after St, or comma in Johns to search.
4. Select St Johns Lutheran Church 218 North Jefferson St Kittanning, Pa.
5. Your information should be automatically transferred if you have an account with Give Plus already.
6. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
7. Log in or donate as a guest.
8. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

For those already using Give Plus, the app will no longer be available after January 2022.

Mark Your Calendars

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| December 3 | Christmas Concert |
| December 17 | Christmas Pageant |



- Hired Colin Toy on a probationary basis for the next 90 days, (starting October 25th) at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. After successful completion of the probationary period the rate would increase to \$10.50 per hour.
- Discussed the results of the congregational council survey evaluating Pastor Johnson and the ministry of the congregation. The review was very positive with the top 5 most important things being done well:
 - "Worship is meaningful to me."
 - "Pastor's sermons and children's sermons."
 - "Pastor is a good teacher."
 - "Pastor relates well with the Children and Youth."
 - "Pastor is a good counselor in times of crisis."
 - "Pastor maintains a spiritual life of devotion and prayer."

The goals for the next year are: be more organized, delegate more, visit more, and ask for help more. Goals for the congregation: say "yes" when asked.

- Voted to recommend to the December 10th Congregational Meeting that the New Church Building Fund Earnings from 2022 be used to pay down debts to the Capital Campaign.
- Received thank yous from Bethesda Lutheran Services, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Lutheran World Relief, Water Missions, Lutheran World Relief, Hope Lutheran Church Smethport, Lutheran Bible Translators (for the Ethiopian Seminary), and North American Lutheran Seminary for donations.

A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

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| Kyle Kirkpatrick - Vice President | 724-954-7366 |
| Dean Crooks | 724-664-2015 |
| Tammy Fleeger | 724-297-5889 |
| Wendy Hodak | 724-664-4345 |
| Gene Hughes | 724-543-3011 |
| John Swanson | 724-525-1381 |
| Brett Taylor | 724-525-0850 |
| Richard Thorell | 724-349-5287 |
| Kraig Walker | 724-664-3085 |
| Karen Waugaman | 724-543-9043 |

*Like a child excited
for Christmas morning,
may I always be eager to receive
the gift of your love, O Lord.*

Children and Youth
December 2023

The Baby King!
Kids Christmas Pageant 2023!
 Sunday December 17th
 10:00am
 Refreshments to follow



The Baby King Rehearsals

- Sunday Nov. 29th 9:45-10:40am
 - Sunday Dec. 3rd 9:45-10:40am
 - Sunday Dec. 10th 9:45-10:40am
 - Sunday Dec. 17th 8:45am
- (Dress Rehearsal right before show)
 Pageant at 10am

Other rehearsals will be scheduled as needed and parents will be notified.



We will be watching **The Grinch** for Class, Dec. 31st & Jan. 7th Kids Bible lesson about discussing, the real "GRINCH" who "tried" to steal the True meaning of Christmas.

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Dec. 3rd: COME TO THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT at 7:00pm

Sunday Dec. 10th: Youth Group
 6:30-8:00pm
 Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!



Sunday Dec. 17th: Christmas Pageant! 10am, Arrive at 8:45am

Sunday Dec. 24th: NO YOUTH GROUP Merry Christmas Eve!

Wednesday Dec. 27th:
 Youth Group Caroling!
 5-7:30pm,
 with Cookies
 and gingerbread games after!



YOUTH WINTER RETREAT WEEKEND!
 RSVP for Quake
 Please see Julie if you plan on attending
 QUAKE Pittsburgh is Feb. 9-11th 2024

BREATHE.
Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

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DECEMBER

- 2 Kaitlyn Young
- 3 Erik Repak, Bob Barto
- 6 Bekki Lash, Tabitha Bowser,
Alycia Lambert, Kylie Shultz
- 7 Jeffrey P. Boarts, Mona Bouch
- 8 Peggy Goldstrohm, Kelly Bearer, Lloyd Cravener
- 10 Megan Taylor, Vera Hartung
- 11 Rose Montgomery
- 12 Karl Walker, Noah Spatafore, Gail Purvis
- 13 James Enders, Emily Boarts, Helen Boarts, Helen Kaufman, Beverley Kozuch, Rochelle Debnar
- 14 Tanner Law
- 16 Edward Parry, Donna Loughery
- 17 Sandra Bradigan, Randy Lash,
- 18 Debbie Frye, Kent Walker,
Nick Wranich
- 19 Jeffrey A. Boarts
- 22 Connie Choncek
- 23 Kiersten Houde, Kimberly Tregaskes
- 25 Crystal Olinger, Julie Tomiczek
- 26 Carol Runniger
- 27 Jonathan Pfeister, Katie Panchik, Tyra Sanders
- 28 Ashley Nolte
- 30 Josh Howlett



Our October Church Offerings

| | Oct. | Oct. | Year | Budget |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| Offerings | Receipts | Budget | To-Date | To-Date |
| Current | | | | |
| Operating | 17,411 | 26,207 | 196,033 | 262,071 |
| Benevolence | 1,541 | 3,333 | 16,568 | 33,333 |
| Capital | | | | |
| Campaign | 2,153 | 1,937 | 40,639 | 19,369 |
| Current Account | Income | Expenses | | Gain/-Loss |
| Current Month | 17,411 | 20,370 | | -2,959 |
| Year to Date | 196,033 | 248,600 | | -52,566 |

ATTENDANCE

Our October Worship Attendance

| October | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 st Sunday in Oct | 105 | 70 |
| 2 nd Sunday in Oct | 46(E) *(L) | 39(E) 73(L) |
| 3 rd Sunday in Oct | * | 41(E) 65(L) |
| 4 th Sunday in Oct | 50(E) 72(L) | 105(L) |
| 5 th Sunday in Oct | * | 183(L) |
| Average for Oct | 114 | 115 |

As the child, Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom" (Luke 2:40). In the new year may you, too, grow and become stronger in faith, filled with the wisdom that comes from God.



We have a Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else!

If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's, please text the word **GRACE** to 7242765321. It will send you a welcome message.

You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's! Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated.

Thank you so much!
If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith.



Rock of our Salvation Worship

8:30 a.m. Sunday,
December 31st

Due to so many other Christmas activities going on, we are only able to do one Sunday, this December. We will be back to 2 Sundays a month in January.



Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Thursday, December 7th at noon**. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix38@comcast.net. All are welcome!



Thank You's for November 2023:

- ♥ To Mary Jane Dawson, Gene Hughes, Ruth Ann Hankey Betty and Alan Mitchell, Linda Charley, and Julie Smith for helping with the November newsletter mailing.
- ♥ From October, Thank you to the following people who brought cars, passed out treats, help set up decorations and trunks, and help clean up Trunk or Treat... Mona Bouch and the Bouch Family, Tammy Fleeger, Connie McMaster, Donna Livengood, Lynda Howlett, Pastor and Nancy Johnson and Susan Mentch, The Repak Family, Rick and Juanita John, The Wranich Family, Robert John, Toni Smail, Sharon Smith, The Smith Family, Noelle Smoyer, Emma Graf, The Rupp Family, Sharon Febinger and Helen Kaufman! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped and donated candy as well!
- ♥ Thank you to the praise band for helping lead early worship service in November.
- ♥ Thank you to Emily Bouch for doing my announcements when I was on vacation! *Julie
- ♥ Thank you to Jill Wranich for help cleaning up after Youth Group in November.
- ♥ Thank you to Meilissa Venesky and Krista Fennell for driving to the Colton Dixon-Jordan Feliz concert on Nov. 19th.
- ♥ Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for your dedication and love for the children of St. John's!
- ♥ Thank you to the following people for donating snacks for our Kindness baskets... Donna Livengood, Diana Stitt, Kim Hileman, Krista Fennell, Tammy Byrne, Jenessa Heller, Wendy Hodak, Bill Bouch, Mary Dawson, Anna Venesky and Tammy Fleeger!
- ♥ Thank you to Mitchell & Jill Wranich, Anna and Stella Venesky, The Bouch Family, Delaney Smith, & Tammy Fleeger for your help with our Kindness Event on Nov. 14th.
- ♥ Thank you to the Catechism Class students, and Robert John and Cassidy Smith for your help delivering the Kindness baskets to the Firefighters, Police Station, Melody Manors, Laube Cancer Center and ACMH Emergency Room staff.
- ♥ Thank you to Tammy Fleeger and Blair Dawson for helping to train Colin Toy during the month of November.
- ♥ Many thanks to all for the generous donations both financial and physical received during Harvest Home. The community is truly blessed by your continued prayer and efforts!
- ♥ Thank you to Toni Smail for the beautiful kitchen aprons for our kitchen crew!
- ♥ Thank you to the praise band for your hard work and commitment to help lead songs for early worship service!
- ♥ Thank you to Rick John for leading our Youth Group Bible Study.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually supports our children's and youth activities!
- ♥ Thank you to Dean Crooks for fixing up our Pageant structure!
- ♥ Thank you to the Girl Scouts for the wonderful Thanksgiving bags for Katies Cupboard.
- ♥ Many thanks to all for the generous donations both financial and physical received during Harvest Home. The community is truly blessed by your continued prayer and efforts!
- ♥ Thank you to Connie McMaster, RuthAnn Hankey, Betty Mitchell, Rose Montgomery, Cheryl Mechling and Tammy Fleeger for your help covering the office, while we are without a secretary!
- ♥ To Men's Breakfast Cooking Crew: Marve Gaiser, Ken Burkett, Clair Roudebush, and Pastor Johnson.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helps with the Fellowship Hours after worship!
- ♥ Thank you to Blair Dawson and Dean Crooks for various plumbing projects.



We welcome into the Church through
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Jack Ryan Farah
Darlene Farah



We welcome our new members:

Richard Farah

Ashten Farah

Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve service, please complete and return this form with your check made payable to: "St. John's Lutheran Church" marked "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. **Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and orders must be received by Monday, December 4, 2022.**

Number of **RED:** _____
Number of **WHITE:** _____

I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

PLEASE PRINT, USING FIRST AND LAST NAMES

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Please check one: Check _____ Cash _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please check one:

_____ I will take my poinsettia(s) with me after the Christmas Eve service.

_____ Please take my poinsettia to a shut-in.

*"May God give you peace with yourselves;
may he give you good will towards all your
friends, your enemies and your neighbors;
and may he give you grace to
give glory to God in the highest."*

—Charles H. Spurgeon



Cookies Needed

The Social Ministry Committee is asking for donations of cookies for our College and Enlisted Members. We will be collecting cookies until Monday, December 4th, when we will be packaging them at 6:00 p.m. If you would please make sure the office has the correct address of any college or enlisted member we would appreciate it very much.

Our God of hope

Near the end of a long bout with cancer, Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson realized that hope for recovery wasn't credible. The year before he died, he wrote a Christmas message from "the antiseptic wonderland of the holiday hospital ward," asking, "What sustains hope when there is scant reason for it?" The answer, Gerson said, is found in our "God of hope," who became vulnerable, "cloaked in blood and bone and destined for human suffering." Rather than fulfill our deepest earthly wishes, God offers eternal security: "He promises a transformation of the heart in which we release the burden of our desires, and live in expectation of God's unfolding purposes, until all his mercies stand revealed." That hope-filled message echoes Gerson's 2012 Christmas column, written in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shooting. "The point of Christmas is not a sentimental optimism about the human condition or even a teaching about the will of God," he wrote. "It is an assertion that God came to our rescue, and holds our hand, and becomes, at the worst moments, our brokenhearted brother. It is preposterous, unless it is true. And then it would be everything."



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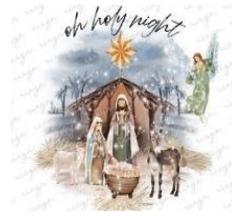
Katie's Cupboard

**REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Social Ministry Christmas Project

This year we have the opportunity to adopt families for Christmas. There are sign-up boards in the narthex that list wants, needs and sizes. If you are unable to shop but would like to help, please make a donation in an envelope marked Christmas Families and place it in the offering. If you choose to purchase the item(s), please place a check mark in the box next to each item you wish to purchase. Please use gift cards for food assistance. Remember to get a gift receipt when purchasing the gift and enclose it with the gift. Gifts should be wrapped and a gift tag on each gift with the child's number.

IMPORTANT! The gifts should be brought to the church by **Sunday, December 4th** and each package marked with a Post it note attached on the outside describing the item inside and the name of the child (*this information is for the committee only*).

Any questions, please contact Michelle Kozlowski at 724-816-1680. Thank you for your support!



A time of fellowship will be provided each Sunday after worship in the Gathering Space. Please plan to stay after worship to meet and greet fellow members and visitors of St. John's. If you would like to help host a fellowship hour, please see Pastor Johnson.

Pastor's Sunday School Class: Adult Sunday School

Pastor Johnson's class will be studying the book Limping with God, by Chad Bird.

"Jacob seems to be anything but a model disciple. He's a trickster, liar, and selfishly ambitious man who fathers children with four women and leads a dysfunctional family rife with jealousy and backstabbing. But Jacob is also Israel, the namesake of the Old Testament community of God, chosen and blessed. As such, this sinner-saint, who limps along with the Lord, burdened by weakness and beset by problems, is the mirror image of all of us who follow Jesus. In his life we see our lives, our struggles, our failures, and most especially the God who loves us and chooses us as his own. As we explore his bio, from his wrangling in the womb with Esau to his death as an old man in Egypt, we will learn more about ourselves and the God who is with us and for us in Jesus the Messiah."

Empower the Mission and Ministry of St. John's!

Amounts needed in offerings during November and December to meet our budget in the following accounts:

Every November and December we count on your generosity to make up the difference in these accounts so that we finish the year in the black. This year presents a very great challenge for each and every one of us! Please consider increasing your giving and/or making a significant one time gift over and above your normal offerings. Thank you for your continued commitment to making the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ happen at St. John's.

Creative ways of year end giving to St. John's:

- It is possible, if you are over 70 1/2, to make a direct payment from your IRA to St. John's. This saves the taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.
- Giving stock saves capital gains taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.



During the Christmas holiday, please take a little time to remember our shut-ins. A card or letter would certainly brighten their holiday and let them know they are being thought of. For your convenience, their names and addresses are listed below:

SHUT-INS

Jane Neidig
1360 N. Grant Avenue
Kittanning, PA 16201-1052

Mrs. Dorothy Rush
4165 W. Pike Road
Indiana, PA 15701

Mrs. Mary J. Elder
134 Marwood Road
RM 2171
Cabot, PA 16023

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Bowser
134 Marwood Road
RM 2047
Cabot, PA 16023

Mr. Edward Leard
2204 Maple Drive
Ford City, PA 16226-1528

Mrs. Vera Hartung
246 East Brady Road
Kittanning, PA 16201-2050

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Debnar
379 Lemmon Hollow Road
Kittanning, PA 16201

Mrs. Carole Cable
Concordia at Cabot
134 Marwood Road
RM 2235 Lund Building
Cabot, PA 16023

Mrs. Helen Boarts
147 Butler Road
PO Box 974
Kittanning, PA 16201-0974

Mrs. Virginia Dodd
133 Deer Lane
Kittanning, PA 16201-1976

December Bible Study

Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, 20, 7:00 p.m.

The Book of Galatians by Paul of Tarsus

In our age when the church can too often seem like a poor copy of the world, Paul of Tarsus challenges us to reclaim the astounding originality of our ancient faith. While writing to a far off region of Turkey, to a people who lived long, long ago; Paul is really writing to us. The Holy Spirit is so amazing that it is able to hit them, us, and everyone in between with the Gospel!

Our God is SO BIG that He is able to make a book perfectly relevant for people who live 2000 years apart and 2000 miles apart!

Come explore this ancient writing that is more relevant to us than to the people it was originally written.



“Advent” means “coming,” of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion. The mythology of our age has to do with flying saucers and invasions from outer space, and that is unimaginable enough. But what is upon us now is even more so — a close encounter not of the third kind but of a different kind altogether. An invasion of holiness. That is what Advent is about.

—Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*

December Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m.



The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.



Christmas in the Barn

December 6th at 7:00 pm at 256 Adrian Sherrett Road St. Mark's is hosting a Christmas Carol Service for all area NALC congregations. The service will feature carol singing, and a special Christmas sermon by Vicar Matthew. Following the service there will be hot chocolate, cookies, and fellowship.

Come experience Christmas in the Barn amidst the cattle, sheep, oxen, and donkeys—and get a feel for the way the holy birth really took place.

December

December 3

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| Assisting Minister | Sara Shafer |
| Lector | Nancy Pierce |
| Communion | Charlie Bleakney, Sue Neal, Debbie and Mollie Bouch |
| Acolytes | Jerah Wranich, Callie Adkins, Cassidy and Delaney Smith |
| Welcome Team | Emily and William Bouch |
| Camera Operators | Bill Bouch |

December 10

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| Assisting Ministers | Lance Whiteman |
| Lectors | Christine Whiteman |
| Welcome Team | Tammy Fleegeer |
| Acolytes | Ella Fennell |
| Camera Operator | Robert John |

December 17

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| Assisting Ministers | Kay Thorell |
| Lectors | Richard Thorell |
| Comm Assistants | Brett and Megan Taylor, Nick and Jerah Wranich |
| Acolytes | Kendall Bailey, Marlee Smith, Ashlynn and Brenna Zurn |
| Welcome team | Pageant Kids |
| Camera Operator | Nick Wranich |

December 24: 11am

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| Assisting Minister | John Swanson |
| Lector | Linda Charley |
| Acolyte | Stella Venesky |
| Welcome team | Rebecca and Brendan Swanson |
| Camera Operator | Robert John |

December 24: 7pm

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| Assisting Minister | Debbie Bouch |
| Lector | Emily Bouch |
| Communion Assistants | Tabitha Bowser & Mollie Bouch |
| Acolyte | Camryn and Lucas Bowser |
| Welcome team | The Hodak Family |
| Camera Operator | Nick Wranich |

December 24: 11pm

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| Assisting Minister | Charlie Bleakney |
| Lector | Karen Waugaman |
| Communion Assistants | Karen Waugaman & Nancy Pierce |
| Acolyte | TBA |
| Camera Operator | Bill Bouch |

December 31

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| Assisting Minister | Julie Smith (E) |
| Lector | Keith Livengood (L) |
| Communion | Melissa Venesky (E) |
| Acolytes | Sara Shafer(L) |
| Welcome Team | Jamie and Noelle Smoyer (E) |
| Camera Operators | Anna Venesky (E) |
| | Quinn Kellner(L) |
| | The Rupp Family (E) |
| | Colvin Adkins and Debbie Griffin (L) |
| | Bill Bouch |

December

Altar Guild: Bouch Family

Money Counters: Kyle Kirkpatrick, Wendy Hodak

Ushers: Ed Walker, Kraig Walker, Dean Crooks, Blair Dawson

Children's Hour:

Children's Hour is every Wednesday or Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

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| Director of Children's & Youth Ministry | Julie Smith |
| Secretary | TBA |
| Sexton | Colin Toy |
| Director of Music/Organist | Rebecca Veith |
| Sr. Choir Accompanist | Elizabeth Cramer |

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> December St. John's Lutheran Church 2023 </div> | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday White 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 9:30 Children's Hour 5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 30 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism | 1 | 2 |
| 3 First Sunday in Advent Blue 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion 7:00 Christmas Concert | 4 7:00 Property | 5 | 6 9:30 Children's Hour 5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 Christmas in Barn 7:30 Senior Choir | 7 9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 Womens Study at Kings 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism | 8 | 9 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 10 Second Sunday in Advent Blue 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship Congregational Meeting 6:30 Youth Group | 11 7:00 Council | 12 6:00 Christmas Tree Set-up, Decorating | 13 9:30 Children's Hour 5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 14 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Third Sunday in Advent Blue 10:00 Christmas Pageant 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion | 18 6:00 Mutual Ministry | 19 1:00 Newsletter mailing | 20 9:30 Children's Hour 5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 21 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent Blue 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship After Worship: Decorating Christmas Eve White 7:00 Worship: Communion 11:00 Worship: Communion | 25 | 26 | 27 5:00 to 7:30 Youth Group Caroling 5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:30 Senior Choir | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 First Sunday After Christmas White 8:30 Worship: Rock of our Salvation 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship | | | | | | |