

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 20	6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship*
December 22	6:30 p.m. Virtual Pageant Premiere
December 24	10:00 a.m. Outdoor worship - Journey to Bethlehem 2:00, 4:00*, and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship
December 25	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship*
December 26	9:00 a.m. One combined worship - Lessons and Carols*

Join us to celebrate the reason for the season.

* Worship service will be live streamed.

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Once again we are in the Advent/Christmas seasons in December. The themes of Advent, the advent of the coming of the Lord, are waiting and preparing. We wait and prepare.

Of course, in our secular world, there is only one season in December and that is Christmas, in which we prepare by buying gifts, planning family gatherings, trimming trees, and hanging stockings. Many of us have fond memories of what Christmas was like when we were growing up. We usually filter out some of the bad experiences and keep hold of the good.

I have to confess that I don't remember too much about the season of Advent in church. Perhaps I recall the character of John the Baptist wailing in the wilderness with his camel hair clothing and eating bugs. And angels – lots of angels. I hadn't realized that Advent was also the time of listening to the prophets who foretold of God's coming and our need to repent and receive forgiveness. That type of preparation wasn't on the radar (although Santa's sleigh certainly was on Christmas Eve!)

The spiritual preparation we undertake is a necessary as all the other preparations we make – perhaps it is the most important of all preparations. Certainly this is what Jesus told his disciples. The kingdom of God is coming into the world – be prepared! Repent, forgive, reconcile with one another, serve those in need, and give thanks to the Lord for all things!

In this time of Advent, let us prepare by reaching out to those in need, especially and particularly those who have suffered trauma in Waukesha and those who have lost loved ones this past year. We prepare by waiting in hope that the kingdom of God will come and heal, redeem, and make whole all that is broken and establishing God's peace and justice throughout the entire world.

That is something for which to prepare and wait!

Pastor Brian

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know someone who is sick, hurting, or going through a tough time?

We invite you to share a prayer shawl with this person. Our prayer shawl ministry offers these to anyone who needs it to know that, whatever the circumstances, they are surrounded in God's love and we are praying for them.

Shawls are available in our cabinet in the narthex. We ask that you sign our book to let us know who is receiving the shawl so we may pray for that person.

Our group meets on the second Friday of the month from 10-noon at church. We welcome anyone who is interested and would like to know more. We

What's New?

Advent Daily Devotions

Back by popular demand, we will have daily devotion emails for Advent. If you receive the weekly "Happenings" email, you will receive a daily Advent devotion email to help you prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas.

If you don't receive the weekly emails, you may subscribe on our [website](#). The short devotional videos also will be available on our YouTube channel and on our website under Resources - Advent Devotions.

Journey to Bethlehem

Beginning December 7, walk along the Stations of the Nativity in the St. John's parking lot for an interactive Journey to Bethlehem - from the birth of Jesus foretold to Jesus in the manger.

(Pro tip: If you take the journey on your own, be sure to bring an electronic device to scan the QR code or open the "travel guide" via the website for an interactive experience.)

Pastor Brian leads the journey on Christmas Eve morning at 10:00.

have yarn! (If you are more comfortable making them at home, that is fine too.)

We also make baptism blankets and prayer patches that are small reminders that people can carry with them.

Questions? Contact Linda at 414-379-6848 or lindaln7776@yahoo.com

Worship and Music

Music Notes

This Advent season brings messages of joy and hope as well as waiting and longing for the coming Christ. The Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship and supplement *All Creation Sings* has beautiful Advent hymns with diverse melodies and texts. While the world begins decorating for Christmas in September and October please worship, pray and sing with us as we wait.

Back again this year will be a live Blue Christmas "The Longest Night" service on Monday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service is meant to bring comfort and hope to those who may be hurting through losses and griefs, past and present.

Peace,
Becky Whelpley
Director of Music



Congratulations, Kenn!

Kenn Anderson began his ministry as Contemporary Music Director at St. John's fifteen years ago. We are thankful for his leadership, his music, his faithfulness, and his faith. Join us in congratulating Kenn. Pray for him and his ministry, that he may continue to bless us with his gifts.

Jubilate Chorale Concert

The Jubilate Chorale will present a Christmas concert entitled "How Great Our Joy" at St. John's on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door (\$18, \$15, \$7) or in advance (\$15, \$12, \$7) through Becky.

Questions about
music at
St. John's?



Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Adult Education

St. John's Academy with Pastor Kristine Ruffatto



We welcome Rev. Kristine Ruffatto to St. John's in December as part of our Adult Education programming. All are invited to attend these lectures and are encouraged to bring a guest. The presentations begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Psalms as a Guide to the Spiritual Life December 5 | 5:00 p.m.

This session covers the formative nature of the psalms as faithful (and provocative!) speech. What can we gain from these ancient prayers of joy, sorrow, frustration, despair, and even rage? What do these poems say about God and God's people, and how does praying them form our faith and shape our lives?

The Psalms describe the spiritual life better than any other book of the Bible. They don't just teach us how to pray, but also how to live.

The Prophets and the Future December 12 | 5:00 p.m.

God sent the biblical prophets to give a particular message for a particular historical situation. The prophets did not predict the distant future but rather spoke relevant words from God to the people of their own times.

As the early followers of Jesus reflected on his life, death, and resurrection, they found profound meaning in these earlier prophetic texts. They came to the conclusion that these words foreshadowed Jesus. Reinterpreting the prophetic messages in light of Jesus, they understood them to speak to their own time. Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophetic word.

Children, Youth & Families

Preschool

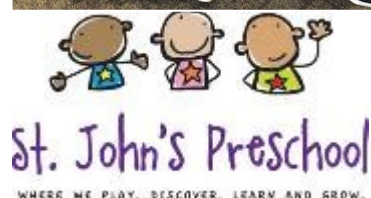
Thank you, Preschool Families, for your generous support of our annual Food Drive. What a wonderful opportunity for our youngest learners to share.

"So two good things happen as a result of your gifts—those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God. Those you help will be glad not only because of your generous gifts to themselves and to others, but they will praise God for this proof that your deeds are as good as your doctrine." 2 Corinthians 9



Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura:
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Advent Party and Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt for All Ages

Celebrate the season with us!

All St. John's families are welcome to join us on **December 19 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.** for an Advent Celebration.

- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Drop in for cookie decorating, pizza and Advent games and activities.
- 5:00 p.m. Meet at church for directions for the Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt.
- 6:30 p.m. Meet back at church for prizes and awards!

What is a Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt?

It is part light viewing, part competition! Meet at church at 5:00. We'll give you a list of Christmas Lights displays to find in the community with assigned points for each. You'll have an hour to find as many as possible and snap some photos. We'll meet back at church and share our results over hot cocoa! Families can participate together, but it would be fun for us to send out a few carloads of Middle and High School students too. If you are able to drive, let Joanna or Stephanie know! (You'll need a background check on file.)



Children, Youth & Families

Children, Youth, and Family Masking Statement

For Children, Youth and Family programming, including indoor Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, and 10:30 Family Worship, **we value being able to connect in-person.** For now, we **strongly recommend and encourage** all to be masked during programming; young children masked as able.



Advent Bags Are Ready

Sunday School Families (through 6th grade)

Be sure to swing by St. Johns to pick up your Advent Bags! They are filled with a Kindness Advent Calendar and family activities. They are located in the Fellowship Hall along the back wall. If your family does not have a bag with your name on it, please let Joanna know!



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org or by call or text at 262-278-8021.

Joanna sends out weekly Children, Youth and Family emails. If you are not receiving those emails and would like to, let Joanna know!



Sunday School

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for in person Sunday School or at 6:30 p.m. for our virtual Pajama Party School Zoom!



Join us for Sunday School in Advent for Baking with Scrooge, a fun look at the Christmas Story through the eyes of Ebenezer Scrooge! New to Sunday School? Email Joanna for information or the zoom link.

Questions? Contact Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

Family Worship

Join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30 for Family Worship. We've incorporated interactive components into worship with the band for a whole family worship experience. Designed for kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.

Sunday Evening Education at St. John's

We are excited to offer IN PERSON programming for our Middle Schoolers.

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Dec 5 Confirmation Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Dec 12 Hope Center Meal 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Dec 19 Advent Party 3:30-7:30 p.m.

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Dec 12 Hope Center Meal 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Dec 12 Connect Class 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Dec 19 Advent Party 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec 26 No Class

5th-8th grade December 12 Hope Center Event

Two shifts:

- 1:00-2:15 prep the food
- 2:00-3:30 serve and clean up

We have the privilege of feeding the hungry by preparing and serving the 'Loaves and Fishes' spaghetti dinner on December 12. The meal is served at the Hope Center. There is space for nine people to sign up for a shift. Cookie bakers are also needed.

Contact Joanna with any questions!



Children, Youth & Families

Youth Group Calendar

"Youth Group" is the term used at St. John's to refer to all program activities for high schoolers.

High School Youth Group begins each week with a small optional meal from 4:30-5:00 p.m. with programming from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If your family/youth are not comfortable joining us for the meal, they may come at 5:00 for programming.

Date	Event	Time
12/5	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
12/10	Food Drive Shopping	6:30pm
12/12	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
12/16	9th Graders/ Mentors	6:00-7:30pm
12/19	Advent Party	3:30-7:30pm
12/30	Majestic Movie	TBD

Majestic Movie

Calling all high schoolers and young adults! Join us Thursday, December 30 in the afternoon for a private movie event at the Majestic in Brookfield! We will be renting our own theater, so we will not be in a space with anyone else. Sign up on the board in the youth room.

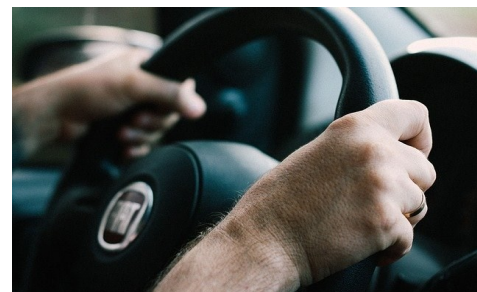


Drivers Needed

We are looking for a few parents to drive/chaperone for two events in December.

- Food drive shopping on December 10
- Christmas light scavenger hunt December 19

If you would be interested in driving for either/both of these events please let Stephanie Broussard know so that we can make sure you have filled out all appropriate forms.



ELCA National Youth Gathering July 24-28, 2022

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Here is a link to what the gathering is all about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJXWcl1otWc&t=5s>

To guarantee your spot for the trip, fill out the registration form and get Stephanie Broussard your \$150 deposit by 12/15/21.



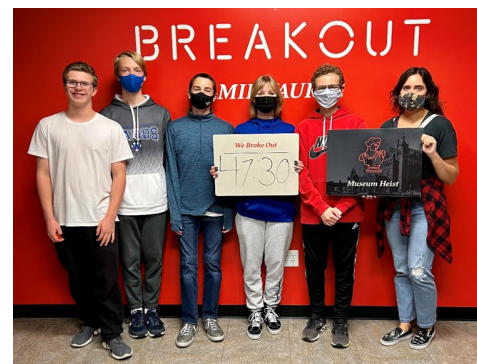
This trip is available for anyone who is currently in 8th grade through those currently in 12th grade.

Approximate cost per person ~ \$800 per person (this includes registration for the event and hotel). Family paid portion per person ~ about \$300-\$350. The rest of the cost will be covered via fundraising and money budgeted from the congregation.

We do not want cost of the trip to be a deterrent from you attending the gathering. There are scholarships available, please contact Stephanie Broussard.

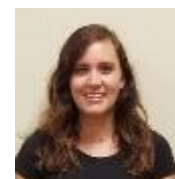
BREAKOUT We Broke Out!!

With 12 minutes and 30 seconds to spare!!



Contact Stephanie with questions about high school and young adult ministry at St. John's

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Outreach

Card Ministry

We have been collecting cards for over 22 years at St. John's. In 2021, we collected 634 new cards. A big "thank you" to all who have supported this ministry..

We are only accepting **NEW** cards with their envelopes for residents of nursing homes and Hope Center to send out. The cards may be placed in the lower right hand cupboard of the Women's Ministry cart in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Kathy Hoepfner at 262 786-0412 or tkhoepfner2@gmail.com.

Good Samaritan Fund

St. John's "God Samaritan Fund" is available to any member of our church in need, whether it be mortgage or rental assistance, food assistance, or any other essential that has occurred. If you or another member can use this assistance, please contact the church office. Your request will be treated confidentially and be acted upon accordingly.

Refugee Resettlement

We are very close in our efforts to co-sponsor Afghan refugees in partnership with LSS. There are many ways to get involved; such as ESL tutoring, driving to appointments, coordinating housing and furnishings, assistance in shopping for food and clothing, coordinating social experiences, and more.

If you are interested in learning more - or becoming part of the team - contact Cindy, Sonja, or Jim.

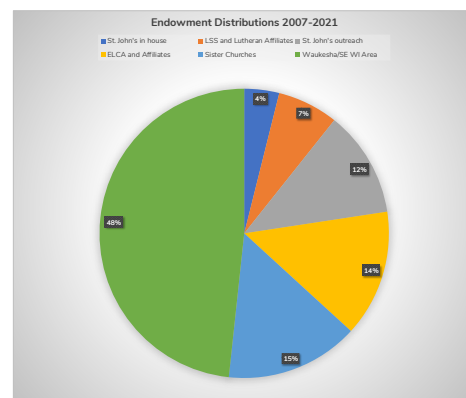
Cindy at chalvers57@gmail.com
Sonja at sjc@beyerlein.com
Jim at jimholmberg@msn.com

St. John's Mission Endowment Fund

Were you thinking of making a year-end contribution to St. John's? Looking for a tax-deductible way to make your contribution one that will continue to benefit Outreach Programs year after year? That's exactly what your contribution to the St. John's Mission Endowment Fund will do. It is definitely "the gift that continues to give." Because only the earnings from the Fund are distributed. It provides a lasting legacy to ensure the outreach work of our church continues. Interested? Contact the church office or the committee chairperson, Phil Lange.

A summary of the previous outreach distributions from 2007 - 2021 is shown in the chart below. The total funds distributed will be \$88,007.

1. St. John's Lutheran Church (in-house) 3.9% (\$3,407)
2. LSS and Lutheran affiliates 6.8% (\$6,000)
3. St. John's Lutheran Church (out reach effort) 11.9% (\$10,450)
4. ELCA and affiliates 14.2% (\$12,500)
5. Sister congregations of SJLC 14.9% (\$13,150)
6. Waukesha / SE Wisconsin Area 48.3% (\$42,500)



St. John's Holiday Bazaar

What an amazing day! The food, the crafts, and the fellowship were especially wonderful this year and we had an overwhelming turnout. Thank you if you baked, crafted, greeted, ushered, hosted, cashiered, and/or shopped. We made a few modifications for optimum safety and it all went smoothly. We felt truly blessed after a year away, to see old friends and familiar faces.

This year's proceeds were over \$11,000. The proceeds go out to help those in need nearby and around the globe. It feels so humbling and heartwarming to be a part of this. What a blessing!

Next year will be our final year of the St. John's Holiday Bazaar. It will be held on November 5, 2022. We hope to see you all there!

St. John's Holiday Bazaar 2021 Disbursements

Lutheran Social Services Refugees	\$1500	Community Projects for Seniors	350
Los Heroes El Salvador Scholarships	1190	National Alliance for Mental Illness	200
Hope Center of Waukesha	2500	Oaks Indian Mission	400
All Peoples Church Beloved Sister Retreat	600	Friends of Luther Manor	150
Sister House	600	Christmas Food Boxes for Waukesha/	
Women's Center	600	Milwaukee	400
Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits	500	St John's Preschool	200
Tanzania Akeri Hope School	1500	Bibles for Sunday School Students	300
Dementia Friendly Elmbrook	250	Total	\$11,240

Troop 16

by Troop Historian Jonathan McMahon



Recent Events:

Our annual Creep-O-Ree campout was held on the weekend of November 5-7 at Camp Long Lake. The campsite decoration theme was 'This Is Halloween'. This year the campout was led and organized by Joe Balzer for his Eagle Camping requirement. A total of 12 scouters, eight scouts and four adults, joined 300 other scouts from around the council in six co-ed taught activities over the weekend. These activities included shooting sports, pumpkin carving & pumpkin chucking, field games, climbing, candle-making, and tug-of-war. The tug-of-war was greeted by a very special treat from the Wisconsin National Guard, when they brought in US

Army Blackhawk helicopter #127 from Fort McCoy for display. Additionally, there was a movie and dance held Saturday night after dinner, along with site decoration judging and costume judging. The camp furnished all 3 meals for Saturday. Sunday was a cold breakfast of donuts and muffins, courtesy of the Balzers.

Our annual Halloween party was held at I-Combat Tactical Laser Tag, and was organized by Will McCoy and Zac Watson. Games included hide-&-seek and ball tag inside the 'laser street' arena, as well as a costume contest. The winning three participants were



Nolen Nelson, Jacob Nienhaus, and Will McCoy. Afterwards, Halloween themed refreshments were provided by Mrs. Watson.

Recent Meeting Events:

- Scot "Scooter" Flannery presented his annual lecture on the dangers of drugs and alcohol consumption
- Daniel Warchol presented how to use the EDGE teaching method
- Will McCoy held a competition relay on First Aid "Carries"
- Patrols worked on completing their flags.

Monthly Rank Advancement:

Matthew Watson with Life Rank

October Attendance Participation Honors:

Nolan Nelson
David McMahon
Matthew Watson
Jonathan McMahon

December Birthdays

1 Mari Osmon	9 Jason Turner	16 Mark Paget	
1 Lori Paget	10 Hannah Menzel	17 Skadrite Fuchs	
3 Isaac Roth	10 Janet Otten	17 Ryan Gillette	
4 Maelyn Olson	11 Michael Haas	17 Dale Landgren	
4 Valerie Sievenpiper	12 Barb Bessette	17 Steve Pirlot	
5 Gary Bruck	12 Robert Wagner	18 Jen Beug-Hoffman	
6 Jenny Augustine	12 Ava Zahn	18 Anna Douglas	
7 Michael Petfalski	13 Ronald Bertrand	19 Carole Lewis	
7 Zack Schnepf	13 Gary Fritz	20 Brooklyn Barz	
7 Reini Wasemiller	13 Sharlene Waller	20 Sandy Koscielniak	
8 Mariah Fuller	13 Andrea Warp	20 Donald Spencer	
8 Ian Kraus	14 Jerry Mahoney	21 Holly Zahn	
8 Gail Krebs	15 Payton Fuerstenberg	23 Mark Surma	
8 Kelly Petfalski	15 Will Whitaker	25 Jane Babcock	
8 Jo Riley	15 Jack Whitaker	25 Carol May	
		25 JESUS	
		25 Mark Reinfeldt	
		25 Sandy Scherer	
		26 Fred Fuller	
		26 Emily Otten	
		27 Lily Fuller	
		27 Duane Walsh	
		28 Jessica Gugel	
		30 Peggy Keough	
		30 Ryan Rateike	
		31 Hailey Adams	
		31 Hope Burns	
		31 John Seamonson	



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the November 8 Council meeting.

President Report

- Congratulations and thank you, to all those involved in another successful Holiday Bazaar! Over \$11,000 was raised, which help support 16 outreach ministries.
- Council approved the Endowment Committee's recommendation to distribute over \$16,000 to 15 outreach ministries. Thank you, Endowment Committee, for your commitment on this wonderful ministry.
- The congregational wide book read, The Walk by Adam Hamilton, focusing on Reconnecting & Renewing our spirituality is nearing the end. To celebrate, at luncheon will be held on November 14.
- The GROTH Design team continues to meet and explore the potential internal and external design enhancements.

St. John's Council

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- 2022 budget preparation has begun for our upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30.

Financial Report

- Council reviewed and approved the financial team's recommendation to transfer \$9,418.28 to the capital improvement fund (CIF).
- St. John's continues to be blessed by your faithful giving. It is your generosity which allows St. John's to invest in and carry out the ministry goals sets for 2021. Thank you!

Transition team

- A meeting is scheduled for November 23, to review and discuss the results of a survey sent out the families of St. John's. The goal of the survey is to gain insight and seek understanding, as we begin to bring outdoor activities indoors with the change in the seasons.

Please reach out to me or the council members with any questions you may have.

Praying for peace and good health to all,
Brian Zach, President

Intent cards

Have you given you Intent Card to St. John's? Yes? Thank you!

No? Pray about how to be the best steward of God's resources next year. Return the completed card indicating your intention. (Extra cards are at church.)

Year End Giving

Are you considering a charitable donation before December 31 to maximize tax benefits? Consider donating to St. John's. Gifts can be made in several ways:

1. Cash
2. Appreciated stock
3. Company matches
4. Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)
5. Real estate.

This information is not legal or tax advice. Information is from sources deemed reliable. Contact your own legal or tax advisor before taking any action that would have a legal or tax consequence.

2021 Donation Deadline

Any donations you wish to claim in 2021 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2021. If a donation is received before December 31, 2021, that you wish to have recorded as a 2022 contribution, please clearly indicate your intentions.

Creation Corner

Give the gift of experiences this Christmas Season

This year, give the gift of experiences rather than stuff. The LA Times reports that the average American home is filled with over 300,000 items! Rather than add to that pile, give the gift of an experience such as a state park pass, a zoo membership, or a trip to the ice rink! Research shows experiences provide more lasting happiness than material possessions.



About Us

Welcome Statement

At St. John's we align with Paul's words in Romans 15:7 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We welcome one another all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in our commitment to the ways, grace and love of Christ.

Core Values of St. John's:

- Serving our world, locally and globally;
- Inspiring worship and music that honor God;
- Nurturing relationships with one another as Jesus walks with us;
- Growing in God's grace through education and discipleship;
- Engaging children and youth in the life of the church.

Praying for Our Church Family

We pray for those who are battling illness or are healing:

Barb K	Dorothy E	Floyd K	Steve Q
John G	Steve W	Tim M	Kathy K
Hope H	Connie P	Sharlene W	Kim S
Dennis W	Katie A	John S	Jim T
Cindy H	Charlotte Y	Alice Y	Grayson Y
Vivian Y			
Gregg and Joy M's Grandson Cole	Sharon Mahoney's Friend Betty		
Bonnie S's sister Jeanne and BIL			

To help us to stay connected, we will be sharing the list with you monthly. Prayers may be for thanksgiving, hope and/or healing. The requests may be immediate, short or long term.

Prayer requests may be submitted at the bottom of the website www.makedisciples.com.



*Without ceasing
I remember you
always in my
prayers.*

Romans 1:9

Contact Us

Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered 9:00-Noon, Monday to Thursday.

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Meet Rebecca

Rebecca Mitchell has joined the St. John's staff as our bookkeeper. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Parkside with a Business Management degree concentrating in Accounting.

She is the proud mom of four. She loves gardening, nature, and mankind.

Rebecca (not Becky!) is super excited to be working for St. John's serving the people and the mission.



Calendar of events for December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed			1 8:00a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	2 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p AI-Anon	3 6:15a virtual men's group	4 8:30a men's group 7:30p Jubilate Chorale Concert
5 Advent 2 8:30a worship* 9:30a education hour 10:30a worship 4:30p confirmation (7/8) 4:30p youth group (HS) 5:00p St. John's Academy (Adult Ed)*	6 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p AI-Anon	7 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p virtual HR meeting 7:00p Boy Scouts	8 9:30a Morning Circle 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	9 3:00p Finance Team mtg 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p AI-Anon	10 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a prayer shawl group 6:30p youth food shopping	11 8:30a men's group 9:00a Food Bag delivery
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19 Advent 4 8:30a worship* 9:30a education hour 10:30a worship 3:30p Advent Party	20 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p women's Bible study 6:00p AI-Anon 6:30p Blue Christmas worship*	21 8:30a virtual property team 10:00a staff mtg 1:00p Tuesday Book Club 6:30p handbell rehearsal 7:00p Boy Scouts	22 5:15p Kids of the Kingdom 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p Virtual Pageant Premiere	23 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p AI-Anon	24 Christmas Eve 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a outdoor worship 2:00p worship 4:00p worship* 7:00p worship	25 Christmas 9:00a worship* 
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CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CARE FACILITIES

Make the holidays brighter for residents of local care facilities by sending Christmas cards to them. You may write a short note, include a picture drawn by a child, or simply sign the cards "from your friend at St. John's Lutheran" and your name. Please return cards to the box under the tree by December 15.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Take an ornament. Go to ELCA.org/GoodGifts to make a donation of the item on the ornament. Give the ornament to a loved one as their Christmas gift. Good Gifts ornaments will be available through December 19. Good Gifts Catalogs are available on the Information Desk with more information on other gift options.

AFGHAN REFUGEES

Take a gift tag from the Giving Tree. Purchase the item on the tag. Return the ornament and unwrapped item under the tree by December 19.

ANGELS BABY CLOSET

Take a gift tag from the Giving Tree. Purchase the item on the tag. Return the ornament and unwrapped item under the tree by December 19.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS

Take a red, green and/or white shopping list. Purchase the items on the lists. Double bag the items and staple the list to the bag. Return the filled bags to St. John's by 9:00 a.m. on December 11. Hams are also needed.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Take a gift tag from the Giving Tree as a reminder. Purchase a gift card (or several) from the tag. Return the gift tag to the tree. Place the gift card, labeled with the amount, in the lockbox outside the office door. Gift cards for The Women's Center, a domestic abuse shelter, may be given all year,

ENDOWMENT FUND

The gift that keeps on giving. A tax-deductible gift to the endowment fund provides a lasting legacy to ensure the outreach work of our church continues. Interested? Contact the church office or the committee chairperson, Phil Lange.