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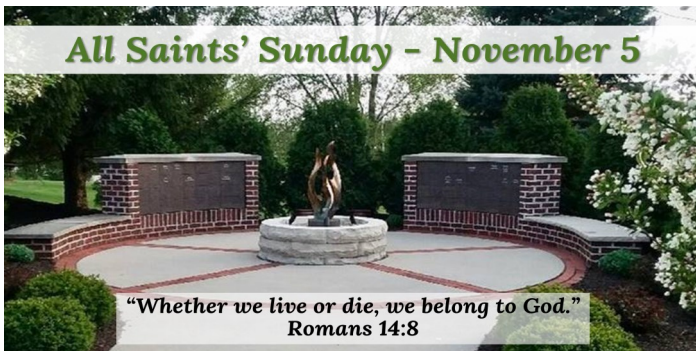
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November is a time for harvest. Agriculturally, the farmers have been hard at work bringing in the corn that has been growing and maturing since spring. Farmers begin planning for next year's crops. The ground begins to rest in the winter as it prepares and repairs itself for the next spring planting. Of course, on a dairy farm the work continues, as the cows need to be fed and milked. But even here, the hay that has been gathered in the summer is used now in the winter months. There is a seasonal rhythm to farm life. Perhaps that is why Jesus used many agricultural metaphors in his teachings.

There is a seasonal rhythm to life in the church as well. We begin November with All Saints Sunday, followed by Thanksgiving, and then normally end with the first Sunday in Advent. This is only part of the overall seasons of the church year, each part integrated into the others in order to see the larger picture of faith life. In the midst of so much change, there is a beauty in the constancy or rhythms of life that center us and ground us.



Yet change occurs on a constant basis as well. As we say, "things change, people change" quickly or over a long period of time. Adaptation is a key to living and thriving. In each season we learn to adapt within the rhythms of nature, the church, and in our own personal lives. This is how God has created and continues to create the world.

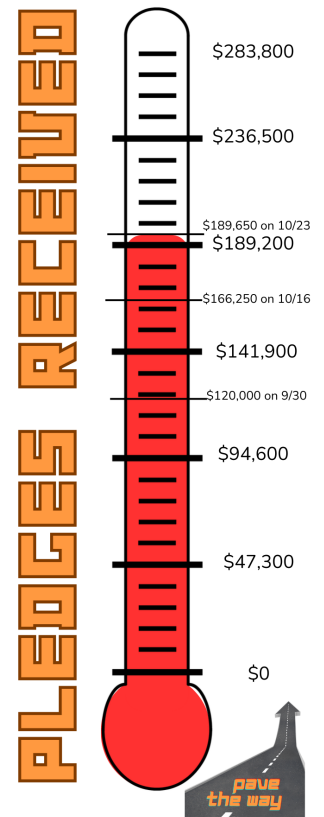
We give great thanks in all seasons, but particularly in November, the harvest season. We will once again join family and friends to celebrate the gifts of God and the blessing God bestows. Whether we give thanks for the saints who have passed on before us, or for the family and friends that gather around the table on Thanksgiving, or in the preparation for the coming of the Lord, we know that we have a loving God in all seasons!

PAVE THE WAY

I want to thank everyone who planned and participated in the opening of the Pave the Way campaign in October, especially to Sandy Paukner and Deb Morgan who oversaw the picnic preparations, Jen Templin for her marvelous face-painting skills, John Rickinger and his band for providing the rock music that we love, Joanna Salinas for organizing the youth games and bouncy house, and to Jim Morgan and Keith Paukner for their excellent grilling skills! Well done everyone!

As you know, the Pave the Way campaign is to fund essential, necessary, and vital projects and initiatives for the church in the next year. These projects include paving the circle drive by the office doors, replacing and owning the lighting at that office entrance and drive, painting the church building (which has been done already), putting in new signs for both outdoor and indoor usage, and updating and renewing our gathering space in the church.

We are over half-way to reaching our \$300,00 goal! Thank you to all of you who have pledged! If you haven't turned in your pledge cards yet, please do so hopefully by the end of November. Let us know if you still need a pledge card, and we will be glad to send you another one.



This is a very exciting time at St. John's! With your generosity and support we can do amazing things through the power of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to bless you and keep you, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Brian

Adult Ministries

Book Club Invitation

Here's what St. John's Afternoon book club is reading this year! If any of these books interest you, we meet from 1-3pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at church for discussion and treats. Please consider joining us.

Questions? Ask Darlene Bahr or Jennifer Cranfill.

November 21, 2023
Let's Roll
by Lisa Beamer

December 19, 2023
The Christmas Train
by David Baldacci

January 16, 2024
An American Princess: The
Many Lives of Allene Tew
by Michele Hutchison

February 20, 2024
Librarianist
by Patrick DeWitt

March 19, 2024
The Last Bookshop in London
by Madeline Martin

April 16, 2024
TBD

May 21, 2024
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmu



St. John's Academy

November 13 Anti-Judaism in the New Testament and Beyond

The New Testament contains passages that portray Jews and Judaism in a very negative light. These passages have contributed to massive injustices and horrific acts of violence against Jews, to this day.

It is important to recognize that the writings of the New Testament are significantly polemical. The earliest followers of Jesus – Jews themselves – sought to justify their beliefs and practices over against those of other Jewish groups. The earliest Christians saw themselves as the true heirs of the religion of Israel.

Schedule

4:30 p.m. - light meal
5:00 p.m. - lecture



The First Saturday Creation Corner

9:45a

Art Museum Tour

Registered participants meet at the museum.

11:00a

Badger Watch Party

Wisconsin vs. Indiana hosted by Pastor Brian
Pizza will be served.

5:30p

Chili Feed

Freewill donation to Pave the Way

6:00p

Brownies and Bingo

A Pave the Way fundraiser hosted by Middle Schoolers.

Brownies. Bingo. Talent. Fun. Laughs. Fellowship.



Buy Local!

As you prep for the upcoming holidays, support your local producers!

When we shop at small businesses and markets, we directly support our neighbors. Other benefits include:

- Adds to the tax base,
- Local business owners are more invested in the community. (sponsorships, donations, environmentally responsible, etc)
- Added transparency and responsibility,
- Our neighbors and friends earn a living wage.



Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool

Firefighters Visit Preschool



Our preschoolers had so much fun and learned so much with our visit from the Town of Brookfield Firefighters for Fire Prevention Month.

The first thing we learned was when they get a call, they leave very quickly. Even when they just began our presentation! We moved to Preschool Plan B; everyone played outside on a beautiful fall day until they returned about 20 minutes later.

After learning what a firefighter looks like when they would be helping us, everyone got a turn to spray the giant fire hose. It was the best part of the visit.



**Happy First
Snowfall and
Happy
Halloween**



Children, Youth & Families

Sunday School Is Off To A Great Start

Join us Sundays at 9:45am for Sunday School! In November we are continuing our dive into the Parables of Jesus and collecting food for All Peoples Food Pantry!

Sunday School programming is for ages 2-5th grade. Students in 6th – 8th grade are invited to join the Youth Leadership Team which meets on Sundays in the Paul Room downstairs.

Questions? Contact Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnbrookfield.org

Sunday Evening Ed

We are excited to offer programming for our Middle Schoolers on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm. Each week we start with dinner!

7th & 8th grade Calendar

- Nov. 4 Bingo & Brownies
[Volunteer Opportunity](#)
3:00pm-9:00pm
- Nov. 12 Confirmation Class
4:30-6:00pm
- Nov. 19 Winter Market
Volunteer Opportunity
- Nov. 26 No class – Happy Thanksgiving!

5th & 6th grade Calendar

- Nov. 4 Bingo & Brownies
Volunteer Opportunity
3:00pm-9:00pm
- Nov. 5 Connect Class
4:30-6:00pm
- Nov. 19 Winter Market
Volunteer Opportunity
8:00am-11:30am
- Nov. 19 Connect Class
4:30-6:00pm

No Sunday School on November 26.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Contact Joanna
with Toddler to 8th
Grade Questions

jsalinas@stjohnbrookfield.org



Attention Parents

Come to the Academy on November 12 and hear a special presentation by Rev. Kristine Ruffatto. Join us for dinner at 4:30 p.m. and lecture at 5:00 p.m. She will talk about “Anti-Judaism in the New Testament and Beyond.”

The Academy ✠
at St. John's

Upcoming Middle School Events



Two Volunteer Opportunities!
(counts for school service hours)

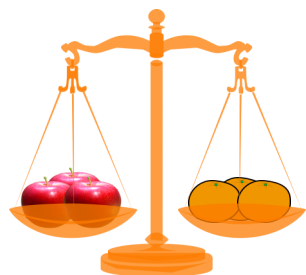


Youth Leadership Team

Our Sunday morning Youth Leadership Team is having a blast!

The Youth Leadership Team is for kids in grades 6-8 and is led by Karie Zach and Sonja Beyerlein. Drop in as your schedule allows!

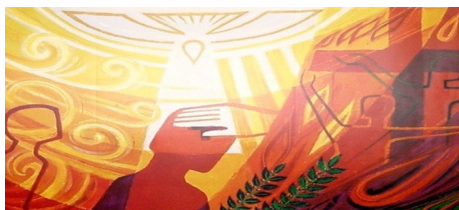
Children, Youth & Families



Comparative Religions

Are you interested in learning more about different faith communities right here in our own backyard? Come join us on the third Thursday of each month to learn directly from someone who is a part of a different faith community than ours!

This month, we will have someone from the Jewish faith here, Michael Taibleson.



Confirmation

In October, our 9th grade Confirmation students learned about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a part of their Comparative Religions class. We had two people from the Brookfield church come and talk. One was a youth leader, Andrea and the other a high school senior, Samantha. Both had a lot to teach us about the LDS Church, as well as what their life looks like and how it is similar and different to the lives of our youth. At the beginning of November, we will be heading to the Church in Brookfield to participate in their youth group class as well as partake in their Sacrament.



Sunday Evening Youth Group

Come join us Sunday, November 19 from 5-6pm for an evening filled with snacks, laughter and painting!



Youth Group is for students in 9th to 12th grade.



First Saturday Barista

Can you pour a cup of coffee or hand out a delicious pastry??

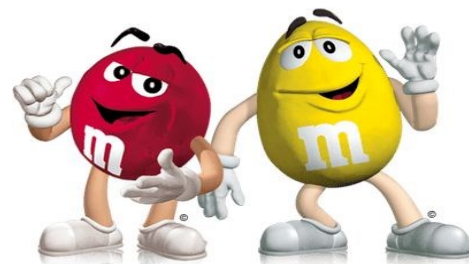
What: BARISTAS NEEDED
When: Saturday, November 4
Time: 8:30-11:30am

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!



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

sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org



M&M Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR M&M FUNDRAISER.

We raised \$1,246.97 towards the high school trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!



HS Youth Group Calendar

Date	Event	Time
11/4	First Saturday - Barista	8:30-11:30a
11/5	9th Grade to LDS church service	9:30a-12:30p
11/12	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
11/16	9th Grade Comparative Religions	6:30-8:00pm
11/19	Youth Group	4:30-6:00pm
10/29	NO YOUTH GROUP	---

Music Notes

Mark Your Calendars

December 2 - Jubilate Choral

The Jubilate Choral will present "Song in the Night: Christmas with Jubilate and Friends" on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm at St. John's. Under the direction of Vicki Taylor and accompanist Becky Whelpley.

Tickets available at the concert.



December 10 - Christmas Music Weekend

The Choirs and instrumentalists will present a Christmas Music Weekend on December 10 at both services. Invite your friends and family to worship with us as we hear scripture, sing songs of the season, and hear the ensembles of St. John's.



~ Grateful, Thankful, Blessed ~

Kids of the Kingdom



KOTK has had a wonderful start to the year and it's not too late to join! If you are interested please reach out to [Lisa Weiss-Cornelius](#).

NEW this year - there is a 4 year old KOTK experience, come join us as we pray, sing, play and enjoy fellowship.

KIDS
of the
KINGDOM



Save
the
Date

Members' Recital

Mark your calendar - we are planning a members' recital on February 4.

More details to come.

Questions about
music at
St. John's?

Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org



Service and Safety

El Salvador is November Outreach Focus

The focus for the November Mission of Healing Outreach Collection will be health education centered in Los Héroes with a heavy emphasis on reproductive health education (boys and girls) and the Days for Girls project. Based on greatest need (and what is not available in El Salvador) here are the needed items:

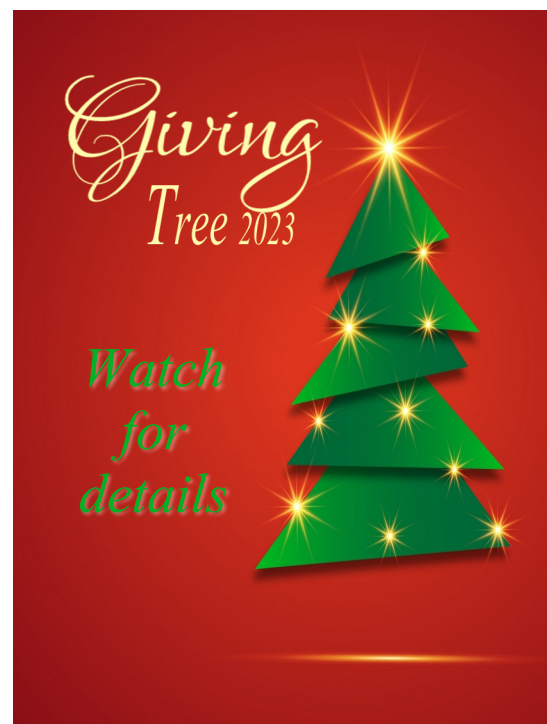
- ♦ New cotton flannel (darker prints, pre-wash and dry it)
- ♦ Girls cotton undies size 12 - 16 (not white)
- ♦ [PUL fabric \(white, solid color, flower or geometric\)](#)
- ♦ [Babyville Boutique plastic snaps size 20](#)
- ♦ Regular size bandages, large bandages, gauze, first aid tape, curlex wrap (for wound care in the community).



Donated items
packed for delivery
to El Salvador
in 2022.

Giving Tree

A St. John's tradition returns at the end of November - the annual Giving Tree. Watch for details as we get closer to Advent for your favorite way to bless others this Christmas.



Safety/Emergency Wall Updated

We have updated our safety/emergency wall! The items remain located on the wall by the library and office, just moved slightly to the left. In addition to the first aid kit and fire extinguisher, we have an easier-to-use AED (automated external defibrillator) that has a pediatric option and have added an OAK box (Overdose Aid Kit) for opioid overdoses. The Town of Brookfield Emergency Services is pleased to know we have these items, and have them easily accessible.

If you have any questions, about these items, please ask Pastor Brian.

As always, in case of an emergency, please call 911.



Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well as we wrap up the season of Fall. The following are highlights from the October 16 Council meeting.

President Report

- On October 1, a special congregational meeting was held to review and approve the Pave the Way capital campaign projects. That motion was approved. After the congregational meeting a potluck picnic was held to kick off the campaign and celebrate the approval.
- Pave the Way pledge cards have been mailed out. Thank you to those who have already returned your pledge card with your generous commitment to St. John's.
- Budgeting for 2024 is underway.

Financial Report

- Giving for September was 13% below budget.
- The finance team continues to review potential reasons behind the decreased giving, along with solutions if we experience a possible year end shortfall.
- Thank you for your faithful and gracious giving.
- The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) as of October 9 was \$114,231.59.

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

NOVEMBER 20
6:30 P.M.

Budget Prayers

As you begin planning for your personal 2024 budgets, the staff and council are busy planning for the 2024 budget at St. John's. Please pray for them during this process of planning ministries for the coming year. Our wonderful ministries only happen with your prayerful support.

St. John's Council

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Jim Morgan 262-893-7385

Mark Latus 262-784-1183

Charlotte Yourell

Brittany Larson 262-527-2404

Liz Roth 847-533-4806



November Birthdays

1 Jessica Nettekoven	7 Nancy Kraus	18 Barbara James	
1 John Roth	7 Ethan Zach	18 John Rickinger	24 Skye Bertrand-Zweig
1 Sandra Wicklund	8 James LaHann	19 Sue Hamman	24 Mickey Gipp
1 Colton Wright	9 Angela Turner	19 Cheryl Woodworth	24 Liam Turner
2 LeNay Anderson	9 Kurt Zaeske	20 Alice Beyer	25 Paul Cornelius
2 Jordan Emmons	10 Cheryl Poth	20 Chris Elfers	26 Kathy Davis
2 Jordan Larson	11 Brynn Fuerstenberg	21 Maddie Beug-Hoffman	27 Lisa Belli-Fuchs
2 Sandra Paukner	13 Timmy Emmons	21 Heather Cheslock	27 Susan Gaulke
2 Luan Unger	14 Josh Belli	21 Roger Krebs	28 Jim Cheslock
3 Joseph Gatzke	14 Chris Spofford	21 Gwen Templin	28 Gregg Everts
4 Debbie Wimmer	14 Vivian Yourell	22 Ann Marie Haas	28 Sarah Gillette
4 Kim Zick	16 Ben Allbaugh	22 Curtis Templin	28 Klaudia Hollander
5 Connie Braun	16 Vicki Fuerstenberg	22 Cooper Templin	28 Bonnie Suhaysik
6 Henry Berthold	16 Karen Klousnitzer	23 Sherry Henschel	29 Joshua Balzer
6 Janice Franzen	16 Jerry Olson	23 Jim Koscielniak	29 Mick Scanlon

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Contact Us

Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered and doors are monitored for entry 9:00-Noon, Monday to Friday.

Church

phone: 262-786-6887

email: to email a staff member, please click on the link by their photo on the website under Staff.

Preschool

phone: 262-786-4298

Irckinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org

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 ...

We pray for those who are battling illness, are healing, or are needing extra prayers:

Barb K	Dorothy E
Floyd K	Cindy H
John G	Steve W
Dylan H	Jerry M
Carol S	Cheryl H
Neal S	Nancy K

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

Thank You Sue

Sue Smith is Retiring

Sue Smith, our Administrative Assistant, is retiring. Her last day with us will be November 9.

Sue has brought great joy to the office and she will be missed. Be sure to call, email, or stop in and wish her well. She now will have more time to spend with her mom and with her grandson!



Staff Phone Extensions

St. John's Phone Number: 262-786-6887

Extensions:

- 100 Sue Smith, Admin Assistant
- 101 Brian Halverson, Senior Pastor
- 102 Pam Klink, Communications Coordinator
- 103 Bill Stace, Building Supervisor
- 104 Joanna Salinas, Children's Ministry
- 105 Stephanie Broussard, Youth Ministry
- 106 Rebecca Mitchell, Bookkeeper
- 107 Becky Whelpley, Music Director
- 200 Laura Rickinger, Preschool



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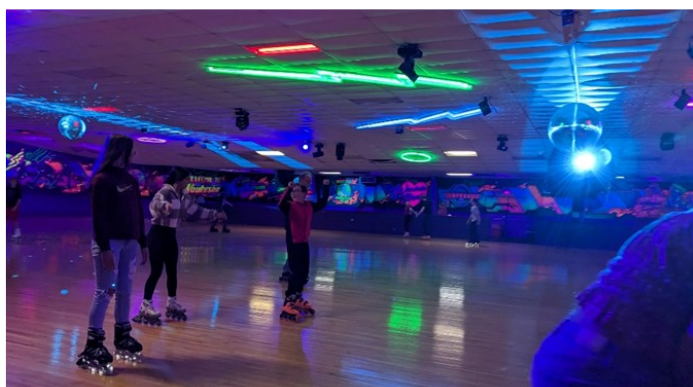
Evangelize with our posts, be sure to: **LIKE COMMENT SHARE**

Calendar of events for November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*worship service/event is live streamed	To request space for your small group or ministry to meet in the building, please complete the Facility Use Form on the St. John's website. It is under the Resources tab - Documents and Forms . Contact Sue Smith , Administrative Assistant with questions.		1 8:30a Retired Men's bfast 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	2 1:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	3 6:15a virtual men's group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	4 8:30a Parable Small Group 8:30a Toy Swap 9:45a Museum Tour 11:00a Badger Watch Party 5:30p Chili Feed 6:00p Brownies and Bingo
5 All Saints' Day 8:30a worship* 9:40a Parable Small Group 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p youth group 4:30p 5th/6th graders	6 Food Pantry Pick Up 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p AI-Anon	7 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters 6:00p Indian Culture Dance 6:30p handbell rehearsal	8 9:00a women's Bible study 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal	9 1:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p Parable Small Group 6:30p Indian Culture Dance	10 6:15a virtual men's group 9:00a book club (offsite) 10:00a prayer shawl group 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	11 8:30a Saturday Men's Grp
12 8:30a worship* 9:45a education & fellowship 10:45a worship 4:30p youth group 4:30p 7th/8th graders 5:00p St. John's Academy*	13 10:00a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 1:00p women's afternoon study group 5:00p AI-Anon potluck	14 8:30a property team 8:30a ladies Bible study (offsite) 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p Indian Culture Dance 6:30p handbell rehearsal 6:30p HR meeting (virtual)	15 12:00p Retired Men's lunch 5:15p KOTK 6:00p AA 6:00p TOPS 6:30p choir rehearsal 6:30p Adult Ministries Zoom meeting	16 4:00p Finance Team mtg 6:30p AI-Anon 6:30p 9th Gr. Comparative Religions	17 6:15a virtual men's group 7:00p book club (offsite) 7:30p Chinese Bible Study	18 8:30a Saturday Men's Grp
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Middle Schoolers Had a Great Time at Skateland on October 21



Winter Farmers market

Sunday, November 19

9:00am-12:00pm

St. John's Fellowship Hall

Join us on November 19 as we host the Food, Faith and Farming Network's Winter Farmers Market. Stock up on Thanksgiving ingredients and pick up some Christmas presents as you shop directly from local farmers. Enjoy Brunch at the market or take home a delicious brunch made with local foods. The market is free to enter and products available for purchase include eggs, mushrooms, wool products, meat, veggies, soaps, salsa, oats and granola, breads and bakery, cider, apples and more!

Purchase Brunch tickets in the Narthex between services and consider taking a meal to a home bound neighbor or friend!

[Market volunteers needed!!!](#)

Brunch tickets go on sale in the St. John's narthex beginning Sunday, November 5.

Looking Ahead to Christmas

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 24

11 AM

2 PM

4 PM

December 25

9 AM

