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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**12/4/22**

**WELCOME** in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Repent," Matthew 3:1-12

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 5 Hymns: 63; 61; 272; 73

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 342; 347; (628, 344, 346, 392);

518 vv 1, 24, 3

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 81 Saturday: 22 (C) 18 Sunday School:  
N/A Adult Bible Class: Sunday: 2 Thanksgiving (M) 63 Mid-  
Week Advent: 23

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's this morning.

**THE CHRIST OUR ROCK** Lutheran High School music program will be presenting a musical reflection and celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus TODAY at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman. We invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Advent and Christmas season with a participatory program of God's Word through music!

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, is for the Building Fund.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** We express our sympathy to Bob Jack and family at the loss of his sister, Phyllis Shubert, who departed this life on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services will be held at St. Peter U. C. C. in Stone Church on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**HELPING HANDS** is a group of ladies who take meals to those who are ill, etc. Anyone who would like to join them, please sign up on the list on the table by the restrooms or call Nancy Sprehe, 618-218-0107. Also, if there is anyone in need of meals, please let Nancy Sprehe know.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in need of an extra helper and an extra teacher. The helper would come as able and help with the PreK-K class (handing out materials, bathroom trips, etc.). The teacher would teach the PreK-K class every other month. If you are able to help, please contact Jessica Spenner at 618-214-8295.

**THE LWML LADIES** will be meeting December 5th @ Little Nashville (6 p.m.) for their meeting and Christmas eat out.

**THE 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES.**

-family of Ernie Kujawa (Barb Maschhoff's uncle)  
died Thursday

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-10th, 2022

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Rosemary Miller**—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new chemo treatment

**Duane Miller**—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

**Verdell Krueger**—mother of Rachel Krueger—~~hospitalized at St. Joseph's, Breese, following a fall~~ *Aviston for Rehab*

**Paulette Leonberger**—mother of Gina Foster (C)—hospitalized in Clarksville, IN

**Virgil Benning**—son of Pastor Benning—has been released from the hospital

**Barbara Burke**—mother-in-law of Rosalie Rice—~~hospitalized in Clarksville, IN~~ *hospice care in a long-term care facility in New Albany, IN*

**Tom Anderson**—friend of the Hausler's—awaiting a lung transplant

**Dorothy Lange**—ongoing health concerns, surgery December 8th

**Hannah Mueller**—Pastor & Dawn's granddaughter—appointment December 8<sup>th</sup> at Mayo Clinic

**Mike Renth**—nephew of Stanley Renth—recovering at home

**Holly Foster (C)** recovering from surgery

**Wayne & Lola Wessel**—in need of your prayers

**Scott Geppert**—cousin of Barb Maschhoff—diagnosed with kidney disease

**Sara Leinberger**—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

### We Give Thanks That:

**Stanley Renth** has returned home

### THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS

**Bud Gill**—friend and neighbor of Dave & Natalie Ibendahl—diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Matthew Morkachis**--Great Nephew of Eunice Witte--undergoing cancer treatment

**Amie Evans**--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki--diagnosed with cancer

**Jami Martin** taking chemo

**Bill Patton**--brother-in-law of Betty Sachtleben--dealing with lung cancer

**MISSION PRAYERS:**

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis, our Sunday School Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center

**We Remember:**

**Trinity-St. John** as they begin the process of calling a principal.  
St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call another pastor

**We Remember:**

The People of Ukraine

**In Sympathy With:**

The Family of **Phyllis Shubert**

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Jake Womble 12-5; Dean Boester & Jon Stevenson (C) 12-6; Gail Funke 12-9; Allen Martin, Larry Sachtleben, George Dunmyer and Jill Witte 12-10



**NOW HIRING PART-TIME THIRD-GRADE TEACHER:** T-SJ is currently seeking to hire a third grade teacher to teach Science and Math in the afternoons. This is a part time contracted position for the 22-23 school year. Pay is based upon experience and an Illinois teaching license is required. Mrs. Katherine Lange is the morning teacher and currently Mrs. Kurtz has been teaching third grade in the afternoon. If you know of a qualified, Jesus-following, creative, and kind teacher that would want to join our T-SJ team, please have them send their resume and a cover letter to Mrs. Kurtz at [principal@tsjlutheran.org](mailto:principal@tsjlutheran.org).

**CALL PROCESS FOR TSJ PRINCIPAL:** We give thanks to God for seven faithful years of service by Mrs. Amy Kurtz. Now the Board of Christian Education, which serves as the Call Committee, asks your prayers as we begin the search for a new principal. According to Article VI.B of the *Solemn Agreement*, any voting member of either congregation may propose to the Board of Christian Education names of individuals to be included on the Call list. If you would like to submit the name of an LCMS rostered teacher to the Board for consideration, please contact Board Chairman Brett Schuessler (618-830-5945) as soon as possible. After screening by the Board, the Call will be issued by Trinity Congregation. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest," Luke 10:2.

**THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION** is sponsoring a holiday drive thru dinner TODAY from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 810 E Holzhauer Drive, Nashville. Menu: Smoked pork chop, baked potato, corn, slaw, roll and dessert. Tickets are \$13.00. For advance tickets call 618-314-2996. Proceeds will go to the livestock barn wiring project.

**CUSTODIAL OPENING:** Christ Our Rock has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian. This position could be for a short term (extra money before Christmas) and/or on a permanent basis. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, [dduensing@corlhs.org](mailto:dduensing@corlhs.org).

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, will host a German Christmas service *Der Weihnachtsgottesdienst* on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Darwin P. Schrader will preach the Christmas message, and Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Eichhorn will play the organ. Many beloved German Christmas carols will be sung. A German-English printed order of service will be furnished. *Gemütlichkeit* (refreshments with visiting) will follow in the Covington Township Hall (the former St. Luke's School). The offering has been designated for Lutheran Braille Workers, Workcenter #315 at New Minden.

**CUSTODIAN NEEDED:** St. Luke's, Covington, is looking for a custodian for the church. If you would like more information, please contact a trustee (Sandy Middendorf, Connie Harre-Blair, Jake Martin) or Pastor Mueller.



**MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Decision Theology; The Incarnation of God & the Value of Man; 4th-Century Bishop Nicholas of Myra; Man & the Metaverse and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**FINANCE BOARD REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:** Home--\$9,528.00, Direct Deposit--\$896.75; Missions--\$870.00; District Missions (Unity Lutheran School)--\$225.00; Thanksgiving (LCMS Disaster Response)--\$1,120.00; Christmas Treats--\$689.50; Memorial for Millie Krueger--\$200.00; Good Samaritan--\$175.00; From St. Luke's Covington--Pastoral Service--\$2,250.00, Bulletins--\$70.69, Guest Speaker--\$101.00, and Organist & FICA--\$489.18

**THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC** at Christ Our Savior, Freeburg, is sponsoring a Faculty Recital and Christmas Sing Along TODAY at 3:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior is located at 612 N State St, Freeburg, IL.

**MANGER TALES CHRISTMAS SERVICE** presented by all T-SJ PreK - 8th graders Wednesday December 14th @ 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. T-SJ Gym. All T-SJ students will join together to share songs of worship, Bible verses, and skits to tell the story of our Savior, Jesus' birth. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join us for this beautiful service.

**SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE:** You are invited to an informational meeting for people who are interested in finding out more about what a Sidewalk Advocate for Life does. This meeting will be held at Hope Lutheran Church located at 3715 Wabash Ave in Granite City, IL, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. To learn more or to RSVP for this event please email [info@sidewalksofhope.com](mailto:info@sidewalksofhope.com) or call 618-304-4325.

**"BE BORN IN US TODAY"** is the theme for Wednesday evening Advent services at St. John's. The theme is taken from stanza four of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" where we sing: "O Holy Child of Bethlehem. / Descend to us, we pray; / Cast out our sin and enter in; / Be born in us today...O come to us, / Abide with us, / Our Lord Immanuel!" This week's theme is "Be Born in Us Today Bringing Renewal" (Isaiah 40:31): The prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy one from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. Christ's birth restores our strength that we might serve him. Join us Wednesday evening, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your choice of an Advent or Christmas carol for the hymn sing.



## 2022 Finance Report

	Home Collections(Finance Board)			Synod Collections		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
January	21,968	21,077	(891)	1,542	1,765	223
February	21,968	32,518	10,550	1,542	900	(642)
March	21,968	16,538	(5,430)	1,542	1,165	(377)
April	21,968	26,980	5,012	1,542	2,565	1,023
May	21,968	10,680	(11,288)	1,542	1,195	(347)
June	21,968	17,557	(4,411)	1,542	1,035	(507)
July	21,968	32,228	10,260	1,542	1,065	(477)
August	21,968	15,580	(6,388)	1,542	1,665	123
September	21,968	10,452	(11,516)	1,542	1,135	(407)
October	21,968	14,638	(7,330)	1,542	1,125	(417)
November	21,968	10,425	(11,543)	1,542	870	(672)
December			-			-
	Year-to-date			Year-to-date		
	241,648	208,672	(32,976)	16,962	14,485	(2,477)

Yellow highlighted correction- Easter Missions and Mission Sunday have been added to April actual  
and Pentecost Mission to May actual

## Contribution/Offering Options

**Auto Debit** If you have an account with Farmers & Merchants you have the option to set up automatic recurring contributions to St. John's. You can either contact Marla Hempen at F& M Bank or the Treasurer(Andi Hoffman) to complete a form. If you have an account at another bank and would like to setup recurring contributions, please contact the Treasurer. F&M Bank does not charge a fee for this.

**Online Giving** Electronic Giving thru the Church website.

1. stjohnsnewminden.org
2. Click on the (Online Giving) button on the left hand side
3. Click on the General or Mission button to setup payment OR sign up to create an account.

(this option will have fees involved to you and/ or the Church)

If you are 70 1/2 you have the option to make tax free contributions directly from you traditional IRA to the church. Please consult your IRA administrator/financial advisor if you are eligible for what steps or procedures you can take.

**This Week: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-11th, 2022**

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE 1-2:00 p.m. Practice for Christmas Eve Service 1:30 p.m. Pastor Has Service at WCH Skilled Care 2:00 p.m. Music by CORLHS at Trinity, Hoffman
Monday	6:00 p.m. LWML Dines Out at LN 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service 7:30 p.m. BOCE at TSJ
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC 6:15 p.m. Weekday Religion
Saturday	NO Worship
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at Covington w/HC 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7 10:00 a.m. Worship at NM 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV 1-2:00 p.m. Practice for Christmas Eve Service