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## **RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT** **12/11/22**

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

Sermon: "The Desert Blooms with Joy," Isaiah 35:1-10

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

P. 15 Hymns: 272; 66; 305; 56

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

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 346; 349; 352; 353

John's there will be a brief children's message.

**ENDANCE:** (M) 69 (C) 9 Sunday School: 11/27: 12, 12/4: 8  
Bible Classes: Sunday: 4 Tuesday: 13 Mid-Week Advent:

**ULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next  
ay, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's this morning is for the  
Building Fund.

**ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN** will play the  
bells during the service next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU:** "To all family, friends and all, thank you so much  
for the cards, calls, messages, and prayers for Stanley during his  
surgery. He is doing pretty good. The love shown by all is sure a  
blessing of God. It will always be remembered." The Renth Family

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** We express our sympathy to Rosalie  
Rice and family at the loss of her mother-in-law Barbara Burke  
who departed this life on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, in Indiana.

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

**ST. JOHN'S** received \$43.49 from the Kroger Reward Program  
for the period August 28<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 17  
households participated. Thanks to all who participated.

**MANGER TALES CHRISTMAS SERVICE** presented by all  
TSJ Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at  
9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the TSJ gym. All TSJ 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.

**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.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Dean Sprehe** at Good Samaritan, Mt Vernon, following knee replacement surgery

**Verdell Krueger**—mother of Rachel Krueger—at Aviston Countryside Manor for rehab

**Paulette Leonberger**—mother of Gina Foster (C)—now home in Florida

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

**Dorothy Lange**—at St. Mary's, St. Louis, following surgery

**Hannah Mueller**—Pastor & Dawn's granddaughter—had appointment at Mayo Clinic

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

**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:**

**Holly Foster (C)** is doing well. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

### **THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS**

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

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

**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** has finished chemo; awaiting further testing

**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 Trinity prepares to call a principal December 18th.  
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 **Barbara Burke**

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Peggy Brinkmann, Lori Felts & Sondra Knolhoff 12-13; Ali Waugh 12-14; James Funke, Caden Hoffman, Beckett Stein & Ron Motiejaitis (C) 12-15; Sara Wilderman, Curt Brinkmann & Domanick Buchholz 12-16; Chelsea Garrison & Cathy Redeker 12-17

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Jordan & Jolie Meinert 12-12; Scott & Allie Ravanesi 12-13



**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).

**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.

**UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...** Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmüller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org); Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://facebook.com/issuesetc); or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**CALL FOR PRINCIPAL:** The TSJ Board of Christian Education is recommending to the Trinity voters' assembly that they issue a call to Mr. Timothy Walz, currently principal at St. John's Lutheran School, Kendallville, Indiana. The Trinity voters are scheduled to meet in a voters' meeting December 18<sup>th</sup> after church.

**This Week: Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-18th, 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
Monday	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. TSJ Christmas Service NO Mid-Week Advent Service 6:30 p.m. TSJ Christmas Service
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 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 w/HC 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 2:00 p.m. German Christmas Service at St. Luke's