

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
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St. Luke Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

12/18/22

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: "The Sign of Immanuel," Isaiah 7:10-17

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

P. 5 Hymns: 62; 55; 98; 647

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

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 357; 384; (629, 364, 370, 350); 361

MUSIC: St. John's Sunday School children will play "Away in a Manger" on the bells and sing "In the Precious Baby Boy" in this morning's service.

ATTENDANCE: (M) 56 (C) 19 Sunday School: 9 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 3 Tuesday: 9

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

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USHERS FOR JANUARY ARE: Danny Brinkmann, John Kroeger, Terry Lange and Charles Vogt.

ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY ARE: Wyatt Shew and Ava Witte.

THANK YOU: "We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and all expressions of sympathy at the passing of Bob's sister Phyllis Shubert." Bob & Phyllis Jack

A NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held Wednesday, December 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All outgoing officers are asked to be in attendance.

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

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.

ADDRESS FOR DOROTHY LANGE: Dorothy Lange, Rm 123 % Encompass Health, 2351 Frank Scott Parkway East, Shiloh, IL 62269

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 18th-24th, 2022

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Myles Pfister—great grandson of Julie & Bryan Wessel—hospitalized

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

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

Dorothy Lange—at Encompass Health, Shiloh for rehab.

Hannah Mueller—Pastor & Dawn's granddaughter—awaiting electronic device

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:

Dean Sprehe has returned home

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

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Dennis Windler & Josh McKnight
12-20; Cody Rhine, Judy Vogt & Wayne Wessel 12-22; Jackson Hess
12-23

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Don & LouAnn Foster (C) 12-21 and
Jon & Amanda Stevenson (C) 12-22

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.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, will host a German Christmas service *Der Weihnachtsgottesdienst* TODAY 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.

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 TODAY (December 18th) after church.

EDUCATION & EDIFICATION... 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 interview topics include: The Movie "Avatar," Marriage Enrichment, Looking Forward to Christmas Sunday, Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

"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 Power"** (Exodus 15:6). In this service, we think of John the Baptist, who pointed to the power of God present in Christ Jesus. That power is still at work in Christ. And he is born in us today. Join us for our last Wednesday evening service, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your choice of an Advent or Christmas carol for the hymn-sing.

"CHILDREN'S" CHRISTMAS SERVICE WITH ADULT

PARTICIPATION: St. Luke's, Covington, will celebrate Christmas Eve this Saturday, Dec. 24, with worship at 4:30 p.m. People of all ages will be asked to volunteer to read a part or two in the service, titled "At Christmas: Lift High the Cross." Many familiar carols will also be sung in this candlelight service.

This Week: Dec 18th-25th, 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 2:00 p.m. German Christmas Service at St. Luke's
Monday	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	NO School—Christmas Break Starts 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC NO Weekday Religion
Friday	9-10:00 a.m. Practice for Christmas Eve Service
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Svc at St. Luke's 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Svc at St. John's
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Christmas Day 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. Christmas Day Worship at NM w/HC 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV