

NEWSLETTER



Pastor Jim Harbaugh has been appointed by the Northeast Iowa Synod to serve St. John's as Interim Pastor beginning in January. We are excited to welcome Pastor Jim and his wife, Jan to St. John's.

Parsonage update —

The following improvements have been made to the parsonage:

- * New furnace installed
- * New flooring in parsonage office, living room and main floor bedroom
- * Carpets were cleaned on stairway, upstairs hallway and 1 bedroom
- * New smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detector installed

If you would like to make a contribution to help defray the cost of these expenses, place your donation in your offering envelope and mark "Improvement".

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

Services are broadcast every
Wednesday at 10:00am
on local cable channel 6
& sermons are available online
on Facebook



JANUARY Stewards 10:15 Service Head Usher: Judy Puls Communion Assistant: Nancy Heitman
Funeral Ushers: Terry & Pat Meyer, Gerald & Trudy Glawe, Linda Noack Head of Communion: Al Moser

	Camera Sub: Lynda Akers	Youth Lector	Acolytes	Lector & Prayers	Communion Helper	Ushers & Greeter	Youth Runner
Jan. 5 10:15 Service	Sam Thein	Mollie Schaefers	Mollie Schaefers Kayla Drewelow	Nancy Heitman		Jon & Stephanie Thomas Sam Thein	
Jan. 12 10:15 Service	Lynda Schaefers	Kayla Drewelow	Maddex Moser Addison Stoerp	Gail Larson	Rick Allyn	Gerald & Trudy Glawe Sam Thein	
Jan. 19 10:15 Service	Sam Thein	Maddex Moser	Lola Reimer Ellie Davis	Joan Walke	Forest Brown	Julie Finnegan Forest Brown	Elliot Brown
Jan. 26 10:15 Service	Tim Puls	Destiny Barnhart	Madelyn Troester Destiny Barnhart	Mary Abbott	Mary Streich	Chuck & Paula Hemann Margo Friedlein	Keaton Reimer

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mary Lou Harbaugh, Mick Pierce, Cindy Mueller, Bill Tielbar, George Harbaugh, Isabella Auer, Bob & Carla Ferguson, Ron Thein, Dave Pont, Owen Aulwes, Brayton Kuhse, Everd Tuecke, Maureen Schroeder, Jim Kolker, Louise Johnson, Dennis Zittergruen, Kathy Krieg & Donna Pont, Cecil Bahls & Don Blume

Gutenberg Care Center: (SJ) Letha Moser, Eunice Walke, Duane Hagen, Dave Pont, Una Bishop, George Harbaugh, Vonnie Bormann, Shirley Moore (SP) Darlene Akers, Bonna Basler

Assisted Living: (SJ) Eunice Zearley, Joyce Bakken, Arlene Tackman, Delos Sadewasser, Shirley Moser, Louise Kregel SP) Karen Kriesler

St. Pt. Lutheran Home: Neil Morarend

Edgewood Convalescent Home (SJ) Terry Krieg

Homebound: (SJ) Bob & Carla Ferguson, Gayle Kahle, Janet Moser

Our condolences to -

the family of Carol Schaal who passed on December 2nd. Her funeral was held at St. John's on December 6th.
Connie Backes on the loss of her mother, Gladys Georgeson, who passed on December 15th.

ADOPT A DAY

How would you like to consider adopting a day(s) and paying for St. John's church utilities for that day(s)? This would be above your regular church giving and would be a huge financial plus for St. John's. You choose the day(s). Why not consider adopting a day for your birthday or that of a family member, or an anniversary of your baptism, wedding or all of them and more? If you would like to adopt a day just write your information on a piece of paper and enclose it with your payment of \$38 per day.

POINSETTIAS SHARED FOR CHRISTMAS



In memory of:

- Virgil & Christina Niehaus, Burton & Margie Schlein by Jerry, Cindy & Carrie Niehaus
- Derek Friedlein, Marlys Friedlein & Richard Grace by Jeff, Kari Friedlein & family
- Lyle & Carol Schaal by Dawn, Joel Moser & family and Dale & DiAna Weger & family
- Paul Schwendinger, Brenda Voshel, Roland & Marguerite Handke & Alvin Borcharding by Elizabeth Schwendinger and the Niesman family
- Robert “Bob” Walke by Joan Walke, Eunice Walke, Traci, Desiree, Stephanie, Paige & Gracelyn
- Marlys Freidlein by Larry Freidlein
- Bob & Addie Radabaugh, Lloyd & Evanel Harbaugh & Mary Bockenstedt by Elmer & Sharon Radabaugh
- Kenny Tackman by Brenda Tackman
- Alfred Hemann by Chuck & Paula Hemann
- Colten Bispig by Chuck & Paula Hemann
- Jim Schilling & Zach Lee by Diane Schilling & family
- Ronald Meyer by Gertie Meyer
- Wayne Lau, Merrill & Adele Lau, Vince & Helen Hogan by Carol Lau & family
- Delbert, Viola, Harvey & Bernell Borcharding, Edward, Lee & Elaine Solomon, Orvilda & Cecil Thomas by Jim & Jan Solomon
- Lorimer Olson by Judy Olson
- LaDean Fischer, Harry & Bernita Reth, Clarence & Arlene Fischer by Carol Fischer & family
- Loren Duwe by Helen Duwe
- Curt Meyer by Dan & Dave Meyer
- Lucy Reyerson Malinda Reyerson & Kelly Crubaugh by Harlen Reyerson, Jamie & Spring Crubaugh & Jeremy Crubaugh
- Stacy Johnson by Stacy’s Confirmation class
- Ted & Elaine Roth by their Children & Grandchildren

HOSPICE MINISTRY

Members of St. John’s are now supporting a 2nd Hospice Group. If you would like to sew quilt tops together, you may pick up a kit in the church office.

In December, St. Croix Hospice received 6 quilts and 2 lap robes. These quilts were all delivered to patients in the Guttenberg area. We will continue to provide quilts for Crossing Rivers Hospice.

FROM STEWARDSHIP

Scrip sales reached record sales levels in December for St. John’s. The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Scrip program and want to encourage congregational members to continue using scrip for their purchasing and gift giving needs throughout 2020.

Sales from 11/22 - 12/16

\$7,990 - profit \$302.40

6, 7 & 8th Grade St John’s YOUTH Lock-in



Friday, January 24 at 7 pm

Return your interest survey by Jan. 6 to Lynda Akers. Any questions or you need an interest survey call Lynda at 252-2521.

Children & Youth Board

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and helpers for all they did to help the children share the message of Christmas with our congregation on December 22nd. Everyone did a great job! A special “thank you” to Diane Bockenstedt for helping us learn all the music for the Christmas Program.



**FROM THE PARISH NURSE -
January is Blood Donor Awareness Month :**



Every two seconds someone in the US needs blood. Blood transfusion is one of the most common medical procedures in our country, with blood needed to treat people with acute care needs as well as for ongoing disease management, including cancer, blood disorders, surgeries, and organ and bone marrow transplants. Blood donors are needed year round, regardless of the weather to provided needed donations to need the continuous needs for transfusions.

More than 30,000 units of blood are needed to be collected everyday to maintain a daily supply as well as being prepared for disasters. Around 38% of Americans are eligible to donate blood, yet only 10% volunteer. Donors are eligible to donate every two months, yet most only donate twice a year. Currently, about 60% of blood donations are made by people over 40 years old, while 75% come from people over the age of 50. Younger people need to be encouraged to become donors to provide a steady pool of diverse donors to meet the needs of the variety of individuals in need of transfusions.

It takes 24 to 48 hours to process donated blood, so it is important to maintain a continuous supply. While O negative blood, known as the universal donor, gives greater flexibility, all blood types are needed to more closely match the recipient.

Blood donors must be 17 years of age or older, feeling healthy, have a blood pressure less than 180/100 and greater than 90/50. Donors will have their hemoglobin checked prior to donation. Check with your local blood bank regarding heath conditions and medications related to donating blood.

Local blood banks visit our town every two months, providing an opportunity for those who are eligible easy access to donate. Please consider donating blood as you are able or volunteering to promote or assist with the mobile blood banks to assure the our nation's blood supply is available to all who are in need of a transfusion.

We need volunteers for the upcoming **Mobile Food Pantry** distribution days. Volunteers are needed beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 1 to unload the truck and assemble the items for pick up. We could also use volunteers to arrive by 10:00 am to assist older clients in carrying food items to their vehicles. "Thank You" to the volunteers that help each month to make the food pantry a success.

**Northland Agency on Aging
Guttenberg Meal Site**

Guttenberg City Hall 11:30 a.m. Mon-Fri. For reservations, phone Vi Zittergruen at 252-1182 48 hours before you plan to order or cancel meals.

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve at the meal. site. If you are interested, call Helen Duwe @ 252-1999.

- JANUARY
MEALSITE WORKERS**
- Jan. 6 - Pat Meyer, Kay Cherne
 - Jan. 7 - Cathy Handke, Helen Duwe
 - Jan. 14 - Mary Anderegg, Helen Duwe
 - Jan. 21 -Karen Anderegg, Helen Dude
 - Jan. 27 - Joan Walke, Pat Meyer

Blood pressure screenings will be provided Sunday, Jan. 5th , and Saturday, Jan. 4, after worship services by our Parish Nurse and during the Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 9-10 am. If you have concerns, please contact your health care provider.

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL

December 12, 2019

Members Present: Craig Tuecke, Mary Streich, Judy Puls, Jim Solomon, Nancy Heitman, Stephanie Thomas, Lynda Akers, Chuck Hemann, Michele VonHandorf, Carolyn Hoffmann, Mary Lou Harbaugh, and Diane Schilling

Members Absent: Don Schmelzer

Call to Order: President Craig Tuecke called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Devotions and Prayers: Craig Tuecke shared devotions and prayer. The devotions were based on the 41st chapter of Isaiah. This passage centered around the fact that we have the opportunity to serve the needy.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and the Dec. 1, 2019 Congregational Meeting. MSC to approve the minutes of both meetings as published.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Solomon shared the Treasurer's Report.

General Fund: \$12,327.72

Benevolence: \$11,183.93

Improvement: \$20,011.64

Memorial Savings: \$48,298.14

Benevolence Savings: \$20,747.57

Sunday School: \$3,400.19

Organ Fund: \$4,809.17

Scrip: \$3,983.94

Luther League: \$4,179.59

The council reviewed the Treasurer's Report. MSC to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Outreach Ministries: Nancy Heitman shared that the Thanksgiving Dinner went very well. There were 144 meals served, 38 carry outs, and there were 30 volunteers. The monetary donations of approximately \$600 was given to the FRC.

Educational Ministries: Diane Schilling reported that Stephanie Thomas had shared that the Sunday School's Christmas Program practice is going well.

Children and Youth Ministries: Lynda Akers reported that her committee had met and discussed the Lock In scheduled for Jan. 24, 2020. She is looking for volunteers to help.

Public Relations Ministries: Chuck Hemann reported that he has figured out programming the sign. He is looking for programs with editing capabilities.

Stewardship Ministries: Michele VonHandorf informed us that Scrip sales have been very good this fall and Christmas season. We received our quarterly check from Kwik Star of \$108.00 and a check from Amazon Smile for \$14.00.

Worship and Music Ministries: Carolyn Hoffmann shared that the Golden Oldies service has tentatively been scheduled for Feb. 23, 2020.

Property Ministries: Don Schmelzer was absent. Craig discussed snow removal. Our snow blower is in need of repairs that are greater than replacement costs. We discussed the need for a more powerful snowblower. It would be heavier and more complicated to use. An estimate for snow removal of the sidewalks, entrances, and parsonage driveway was presented from Steve Miller Lawn Care. MSC to hire Miller Lawn Care for snow removal.

Parish Fellowship: Mary Lou Harbaugh reported that all people have signed up for fellowship through the end of January.

Vice President: Mary Streich had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Head Usher/Communion Assistants: Assignments were made for Saturday services for the next month.

Interim Pastor: Craig explained that since the November Council meeting, the executive committee met with Pastor Harbaugh. The executive committee recommends

we approve a synod appointment of Pastor James Harbaugh per the written agreement.

MSC to accept the recommendation of the executive committee to approve the synod appointment of Pastor James Harbaugh as interim pastor.

Parsonage Update: Craig shared that he had done a walk through of the parsonage and recommended we replace light bulbs as needed, replace smoke detectors, install a carbon monoxide detector, and have a routine furnace inspection completed. He also said it would be a good thing to clean the parsonage after the flooring project is complete. He will be seeking volunteers to help with a general cleaning of the parsonage.

Carpet Cleaning - classrooms, lower level hallway, and stairs: The carpets will be cleaned next Thursday.

Matthew 28 Distribution: We were reminded that distribution must be requested. A letter is usually received in February delineating how we can proceed and what we can use the funds for.

Budget: Each committee chair submitted their proposed budget for 2020.

MSC to set a goal of \$15,000.00 for Synod Benevolence.

MSC to increase Alan Moser's wages by three percent and his retirement fund by one percent. MSC to increase the secretary's wages by ten percent of her current salary.

Craig shared the Synod guidelines for Pastoral wages and benefits. For Pastor Harbaugh, we are looking at an annual salary of \$58,538.00. The Portico benefits would be approximately \$22,935.84 annually. These benefits include health, retirement, housing equity, disability, and group life. An estimation of mileage at 1,000 miles per month would be approximately \$600.00 per month. Continuing education would be \$900.00 per year. We would be responsible for Synod assemblies and conferences. Craig reminded us that St. Paul's pays twenty percent of these expenses.

New Business:

Narthex Christmas Tree: Mary thanked Craig and his family for donating the beautiful Christmas tree skirt. She informed us that many of the lights on the tree are no longer working and it no longer stands straight. It is very difficult to put up. It has seen

better days. The current Christmas tree was purchased eight years ago and had a three year warranty. The Altar Guild would like to purchase a twelve foot tree after Christmas in hopes of getting a lower price. We discussed putting up a donation jar so members can give to the replacement of the tree.

Epic: EPIC (Educational Partners in Covenant) is a program joining ELCA Colleges and congregations to financially support students from the congregation going to those colleges. Students apply in the fall and payment is made in January after one semester is completed. WELCA has offered to donate \$500.00 to this fund for two students to use.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Puls

St. John's Matthew 28:19 Endowment

Our St. John's Matthew 28:19 Endowment is supporting and will continue to support disciple-making in this place forever. Contributions \$50 and over qualify for Iowa tax credit. Those checks should be made out to CFGD St. John's Matthew 28:19 Endowment. Contributions less than \$50 should be made payable to St. John's and will be credited to your giving record. Consider the Endowment when making memorial gifts. Memorial envelopes are available in the old Narthex.



Mission: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

2019 St. John's Women of the Board

President: Lynda Akers -- Vice President: Carolyn Hoffmann -- Treasurer: Tonya Randall -- Secretary: Pat Meyer

At Large: Tina Brown, Sharon Reth-- Ladies Aid Representative: Carol Tomkins-- Sarah Circle Representative: Judy Puls

ST. JOHN'S SEWING LADIES

Donations of fabric, new and used sheets, especially twin size, and thread can be left in the Club Room marked "quilts". Anyone interested in piecing tops, tying and binding the edges, please call Carol Tomkins 252-1409. Quilt tops for LWR need to measure 60" x 80". Quilts are made for LLWR and local needs. Quilt Instruction handouts are available in the Narthex.

LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 1:30 pm.

SARAH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY 2nd Sunday of each month, Sept. - May

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 19 - WELCA Gen. Mtg. 11:30 am
 Feb. Soup Dinner - Date TBD
 Feb - April 2020 LWR Lenten Appeal
 Dec. Ministries: Womenade & Family Resource Center

**St. John's Women's Meeting
 Sunday, Jan 19 at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**



- Fellowship
- Devotions
- Plan Soup Dinner
- Discuss Funeral Luncheon Groups

Meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall
 Lunch will be provided.
 If you have questions call Lynda Akers 252-2527

**2020 LWR Lenten Appeal February – April
 PERSONAL CARE KITS**

For People all over the world who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence.

Items Needed:

- Light-weight dark color bath towels
- Bath-size bars of soap in original wrappers
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original packages

Drop off in the baskets in the Old Narthex

Apple Pudding Recipe – Shirley Moore

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| 6 large apples | ½ cup sugar |
| ¾ cup sugar | ¼ cup butter |
| 1 tsp cinnamon | 1 cup flour |
| 2 eggs | 1 tsp baking powder |
| 1 tsp salt | ½ cup milk |

Pare and slice apples into greased 9 x 9 baking dish. Combine ¾ cup sugar and cinnamon and mix into apples. In a separate dish beat eggs and add salt, ½ cup sugar and butter. Add flour and baking powder. Add milk and mix well. Pour over apples. Bake 350 degrees about 45 minutes until apples are tender.
 (taken from the 1976 St. John's "Give us This Day Our Daily Bread" cookbook)



**JANUARY
BAPTISMS**

Jan. 1
Joyce Bakken
Genevieve Balajadia
Richard Balajadia
Andy Heitman
Debbie Leeman
Jay Leeman
Luann Martins
Linda Noack
Julie Rosacker
Clark Strader
Delos Weseman

Jan. 3
Chris Hugo

Jan. 4
Steph Radabaugh

Jan. 9
Caden Strader

Jan. 10
Madilyn Thomas

Jan. 11
Pat Rodenberg

Jan. 14
Kennedy Corbin
Lynda Schaefers

Jan. 18
Dawn Herrmann

Jan. 19
Sandy Barron
Levi Chase
Jake Myer

Jan. 21
Becky Kelly
Roger Rodenberg

Jan. 23
Ron Thein

Jan. 24
Breyer Witham

Jan. 26
Margo Friedlein

Jan. 27
Mary Abbott

Jan. 28
Sharon Radabaugh
Lola Reimer

Jan. 29
Delaney Brown
Ginger Sakas

Jan. 30
Terry Meyer

Jan. 31
Donald Bries
Nash Reimer

**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Jan. 2
Tina Brown
Courtney Finnegan
Todd Moser
Terry Pensel

Jan. 3
Bob Ferguson
Chris Hugo
Sara Noack

Jan. 5
Brandon Duwe

Jan. 6
Mason Hinzman
Ginger Sakas
Everd Tuecke
Robert Walke

Jan. 7
Carol Tomkins

Jan. 8
Steph Radabaugh
Sam Thein

Jan. 11
Mary Abbott
Sandy Tielbar
Desiree Walke

Jan. 12
Brandon Friedlein
Kari Harbaugh

Jan. 14
Dennis Hanna
Brayden Niesman

Jan. 16
Emily Finnegan
Vicki Rodenberg

Jan. 18
Jerel Holohan

Jan. 19
Dirx Reimer

Jan. 20
Jason Reimer

Jan. 21
Andrew Kraus
Allison Troester

Jan. 22
Dan Meyer
Violet Zittergruen

Jan. 25
Don Bries
Nick Tielbar
Tait Wilker

Jan. 26
Weston Judkins
Brian Rodenberg

Jan. 27
Courtney Severson

Jan. 28
Carl Pensel
Tim Severson

Jan. 29
Randy Backes
Kari Friedlein
Brooklyn Schroeder

Jan. 30
Abi Jostand

**JANUARY
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Jan. 18
Bill & Sandy Tielbar

Jan. 23
Bill & Elaine Blanchard

Jan. 24
Harlan & Shirley Meyer

Children & Youth, St. John's Public, WELCA

Jan 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 am - Sunday School 9 am - Worship SP 10:15am - Worship Service @ St.	30 7 pm - AA/ALANON	31	1 8:30am - Prayer Concerns @ St. 4:30pm - Cancer Support @ 5:30pm - Parkinson Support @	2	3	4 5:30pm - Worship SJ
5 9 am - Sunday School 9 am - Worship SP 10:15am - Worship Service @ St. 11:30am - Blood pressure	6 10am - Worship At Guttenberg 1 pm - Tuesdays w/God 5:30pm - SP Council Mtg. 7 pm - AA/ALANON	7 6:30pm - Bell Choir	8 8:30am - Prayer Concerns @ St. 1:30pm - Ladies Aid @ St. John's 7pm - Council Meeting @ St.	9	10	11 5:30pm - Worship SJ 6:30pm - Blood pressure
12 Bell Choir 9 am - Sunday School 9 am - Worship SP 10:15am - Worship Service @ St. 11:30am - WELCA Bd Mtg. 7 pm - Sarah Circle Bible Study	13 1 pm - Tuesdays w/God 7 pm - AA/ALANON	14 1:30pm - Bingo @ Care Cntr 7pm - Choir Practice	15 8:30am - Prayer Concerns @ St. 4pm - Grief Support Group @ 514 5:30pm - Parkinson's Mtg. @	16	17	18 10 am - Mobile Food Pantry 5:30pm - Worship SJ
19 Senior Choir 9 am - Sunday School 9 am - Worship SP 10:15am - Worship Service @ St.	20 1 pm - Tuesdays w/God 7 pm - AA/ALANON	21 9 am - Sewing Day	22 8:30am - Prayer Concerns @ St. 7pm - Alzheimer's Support Group	23	24 Jr. High Lock-in	25 5:30pm - No Worship
26 Annual Mtg. 9 am - Sunday School 9 am - Worship SP 10:15am - Worship Service @ St. 10:15pm - Sunday School Sing	27 1 pm - Tuesdays w/God 7 pm - AA/ALANON	28	29 8:30am - Prayer Concerns @ St.	30	31	1 5:30pm - Worship SJ