

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations  
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside  
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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**ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday in Advent**

December 4, 2022

We will follow the blended order of service.

**The Sermon: "Oh Shoot"**

**The Text: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**The Communion Hymns (10:30 a.m.):**

*"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB 347*

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367*

**The Closing Hymn (10:30 a.m.):**

*"Let Our Gladness Have No End" LSB 381*

**+Holy Communion** will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

**This Week at St. Johns**

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Provoking Proverbs</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Board Meetings	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Release Time Classes	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study - <i>"A Christmas Carol"</i>	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Advent Service/M meal	NOON
Wednesday	Sunday School Practice	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Meal	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Advent Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Aid Christmas Party	NOON
Thursday	Lutheran Laymen's League	7:00 PM
Saturday	Norquists & Friends Concert	3:00 PM

**Next Sunday**

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning were given by Lewy and Denise Deitchler in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is practicing for the Christmas Program during the Sunday School. There is also practice on Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 for 1st-6th grade after school. Sarah Kaufenberg picks up kids at the Century School. Please let Sarah know if your child will not be at practice. She can be reached at 651-260-3350. We encourage all students to attend.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. Heath Trampe, Our Savior, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Peace? Are you kidding me?" based on Matthew 3:1-12. Lutheran Hour seasonal program: "Stable Boy" - A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), "North (Fargo)."

**LISTEN** to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on [lhm.org/sentradio](http://lhm.org/sentradio). Today's sermon is titled "Paradise Restored" (Isaiah 11:1-10) with speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath?

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in decorating the church for the Christmas season. From the entry ways to the interior, the time and effort taken makes it look wonderful!

**THANK YOU** to all the people who worked so hard to make our "Breakfast in Bethlehem" a great success. What a wonderful way to share the joy of this Christmas season!

**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** and sympathy is extended to the families of Eugene Anderson on the passing of his father, Guy Anderson, and to Roger Hanson on the passing of his brother, Mark Hanson. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant them peace and rest from their sorrow.

**HAVE YOU** signed up to usher in 2023? The sign up sheet is located where the ushers stand. Please pick a month in which you could help with the service to our congregation. If you can't help for a whole month, just specify which services will work for you. If we have dates that need to be filled I will call on members and ask for a hand. Thank you for your help in providing this much appreciated service to keep our worship services orderly and friendly. - ***Tim Ranisate, Board of Elders***

**WORSHIP CHANGES IN JANUARY:** At the November meeting, the Voters Assembly approved going to one Sunday service for the month of January. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. with communion on the first and third Sunday. Coffee, Sunday School and Bible study will be at 10:30 a.m. Please help us spread the word about this change!

**DECEMBER ASSISTING ELDERS:** 8:00 - (12/11) - Emil Burgau & Larry Hetrick . (12/25) - Jerry Eischens & Tim Ranisate. 10:30 - (12/4) - Mike Poole. (12/18) - Tim Ranisate.

**DECEMBER ACOLYTES:** 8:00 - (12/4) Will Sanquist & Aiden May, (12/11) Zachary Harju & Addy DeVore, (12/18) Max Harju & Zach Harju. 10:30 - (12/4) Kryton Nilson & Walter Harrison, (12/11) Clinton Koch & Hayden Hafner, (12/18) Will Sanquist & Walter Harrison. Advent, 6:00 p.m. - (12/7) Kiften Luther & Austin Lee, (12/14) Jada Lapping & Brooke Kimball.

**DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:** Laurie Kimball & Staci Lee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Att. - 21. Offering - \$8.53.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att. 8:00 a.m. - 123. 10:30 a.m. - 70 . Total - 193. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$5792.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$740.00. Plate - \$183.00. Thanksgiving - \$50.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Total - \$6,865.00.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** Att. Noon - 45. 6:00 - 64. Total - 109. Offering: Advent - \$370.00. Thanksgiving - \$30.00. Plate - \$145.00. Total - \$545.00.

## **Post These Christmas Happenings on Your Fridge**

**ADVENT SERVICES:** Wednesday, December 7, service at noon followed by a meal served by the Ladies Aid. The Youth will serve a meal at 5:00 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, service at noon with lunch served by the Ladies Aid. The LLL is serving Mike Poole's famous wild rice soup for supper at 5:00 p.m. and worship follows at 6:00 p.m.

**NORQUISTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this event. . Freewill offering for the Local Lutheran Hour and treats following. .

**LADIES AID CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT:** Bring in dry (non-refrigerated) cookie mix, cookie cutters, cookie decorations, frosting, or holiday sprinkles and put them in the collection box in the front entry way through December 8. The Ladies Aid will package the items in bright, colorful bags for our local food shelf.

**LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Ladies Aid invites all ladies of the congregation to a Christmas party on Thursday, December 8 at noon. A light lunch will be served. There will be a short program and gift exchange (\$10 and under).

**TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AND TINY TOTS:** Take one or more ornaments from the tree in the front entry and buy presents for the children. Be sure to write your name, the child's gender and age, and the family number on the sign-up sheet. Drop off unwrapped gifts, with the ornament attached, to the box under the tree by December 11 and check off your name on the sheet.

**BASKET FUNDRAISER:** We have a bunch of great baskets this year! The last day to bid will be December 18. Proceeds go to Good Shepherd, North Fort Myers, Florida for hurricane relief.

**COME CAROLING** with the Evening Guild on Tuesday, December 13. We meet at church at 2:00 p.m., go caroling and return to church for an appetizer potluck.

**COOKIES AND CAROLS:** Sunday, December 18 between services we will sing our favorite carols and indulge in our favorite cookies! We ask everyone to bring a dozen or two of their favorite cookies or candy. After singing, the Board of Fellowship will make up gift packages of goodies and deliver them to our shut-ins.

**LUMINARIES:** Honor or remember a loved one on Christmas Eve with a luminary. Forms are available by the church office. Freewill donations for the youth are appreciated. Place your form and donation in the envelope by the office by December 18. All luminary information will be printed for Christmas Eve services.