

*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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Christmas Day Communion Service

December 25, 2022

We will follow the special order of service.

The Sermon: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

The Text: John 1:14

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:00 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	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	Elmer (Jake) Yliniemi Funeral	11:00 AM
Wednesday	Blended Practice	6:00 PM

Next Sunday - New Year's Day

Blended Worship (Comm.) 9:00 AM

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, presents the Christmas message. Lutheran Hour seasonal program: "Christmas on Main Street" – The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at 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. Today's sermon is titled "A Shoot from the Stump" (Isaiah 11:1) with speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope--or a threat?

OUR CHRISTIAN love and sympathy is extended to Madeline Yliniemi and family as they mourn the death of her husband, Elmer (Jake). His funeral service will be this Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. We pray that they would find peace and comfort in the presence and promises of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP CHANGES IN 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 10:15 a.m.

THANK YOU to everyone who provided baskets for our fund raiser for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in North Fort Meyers, Florida. We raised over \$1,500 to help them recover from Hurricane Ian.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART is posted in the front lobby. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on one or more Sundays, please sign up on the chart.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed their musical talent for our Advent and Christmas services! Also, thank you to all the groups and individuals that worked so hard in the kitchen preparing our Advent meals. Your shared talents are a wonderful addition to our services.

UN-DECK THE HALLS: On Monday, January 2, we will take down the Christmas decorations starting at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and treats will be served. Please join us!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The cost is \$25.80 and is due by January 31. There is a special Lutheran Witness envelope in your offering packet.

Please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us double check for correct addresses.

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***

JANUARY ASSISTING ELDERS: (1/1) Tim Ranisate & Steve Schauland, (1/15) Mike Poole & Larry Hetrick.

JANUARY ACOLYTES: 9:00 - (1/1) Khloe May & Kaitlyn Maves, (1/8) Addy DeVore, Max Harju, Aiden May & Jada Lapping. (1/15) Samantha Fiemeyer, Brock Knutson, Kiften Luther & Hayden Hafner. (1/22) Taylor Arola, Clinton Koch, Mellaney Hall, Sawyer Harvey. (1/29) Brooke Kimball, Sophia Neubauer, Kryton Nilson & Alex Lof.

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Karen VanDeVenter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 22. Offering - \$7.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 a.m. -105. 10:30 a.m. - 49. Total -154. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$3,460.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$1,337.00. Plate - \$295.00. Advent - \$30.00. Gift (New Coffee Pot) - \$120.00. Total - \$5,242.00.