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We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

*Hebrews 6:19*



## **St. John Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

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***Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!***

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**November 23/24**

*We cordially welcome all who are worshipping with us this week.  
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom  
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

**VISITORS** – you are invited to share your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entryway of the church.

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## **Important St. John Notices**

### **SPECIAL JOINT VOTERS MEETING**

The call committee will recommend the Rev. Scott Kozisek currently serving at Garner, Iowa, to the voters of St. John and Immanuel Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. A previous call to the Rev. Phil Phifer was declined. Your attendance is requested. Circuit visitor the Rev. Charles Burhop will again conduct the call meeting.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Beginning with the Nov. 30 service, St. John and Immanuel will have **ONE SHARED service per week**, due to the departure of Pastor Phil Phifer. His last service with us will be the Thanksgiving Eve service, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. Since a full-time vacancy pastor has not been found, that means some changes for us. The circuit visitor and regional administrator were unable to find a vacancy pastor to devote his time exclusively to our congregations.

Out of necessity, our weekly worship will be a joint service of the two congregations with Immanuel, Moltke each week on Saturday at 5pm only.

This arrangement begins with the Nov. 30 worship service at Immanuel. **There will be no Sunday worship at either congregation at least through December.** The Saturday, Dec. 7 worship service will be at St. John; Saturday, Dec. 14 at Immanuel; Saturday, Dec. 21 at St. John; and Saturday, Dec. 28 at Immanuel and so on. Pastor J. Derek Riddle has agreed to conduct these services, but he is not available on Sunday mornings unless we go to an 8am or 1pm service. The leadership of both churches decided that Saturday at 5pm was a better option than the early or late Sunday time periods. If the majority says otherwise, we can consider a change.

Pastor Riddle will call on shut-ins, participate in school chapel services and attend meetings as his time allows. He will welcome confirmation students to attend his classes at Peace Lutheran Church each Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school will continue at both churches at the usual times, unless noted. Some details are up in the air, but we welcome your suggestions and encouragement.

Advent services are planned as follows: Dec. 4 at St. Johns; Dec. 11 at Immanuel; Dec. 18 at Peace. Christmas Eve service at Immanuel is at 4pm; St. John children's service is Christmas Eve at 5pm and Christmas Day service is at 9:30am at Peace.

These are all necessary changes as we face the challenge of a vacancy. The changes, and lack of a Sunday worship service, is not ideal, but the best way to fill our current need. Should a vacancy pastor be found, schedules may again change. We have to be flexible. Patience and prayer, are what they suggest we use to get through this trying time.

**It is important that you continue to support the church with your time, talents and treasures as we go through this transition period.** Offerings given by members of St. John while attending Immanuel will go to St. John and vice-versa. We need to work through this together and stay strong as a congregation.

Richard Lamb  
Congregation Chairman  
St. John

***Divine Service Setting 1*** (p.151)  
**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Hymns

**Opening Hymn:** 892 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**Sermon Hymn:** 893 – Sing to the Lord of Harvest

**Closing Hymn:** 894 – For the Fruits of His Creation

Readings

**Old Testament Reading** – Malachi 3:13-18

**Epistle Reading** – Colossians 1:13-20

**Holy Gospel Reading** – Luke 23:27-43

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Introit

Pastor: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**People: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

Pastor: Come, bless the Lord, all your servants of the Lord!

**People: who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

Pastor: Lift up your hands to the holy place

**People: and bless the Lord!**

Pastor: May the Lord bless you from Zion,

**People: he who made heaven and earth!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**People: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

Prayer of the Day

**All: Lord, Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offense that we, be governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

# Weekly Calendar- November 23 to December 1

Saturday/23	5:00p	Worship (Green)
Sunday/24	10:30a	Worship (Green)
Wednesday/27	7:00p 5:45p	Thanksgiving Service Choir
Saturday/30	5:00p	Communion Worship Immanuel

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## **Those Serving the Lord This Weekend**

Officiant: Rev. Phillip Phifer

Readers: Saturday – Carole Shay  
Sunday – Jackie Quaine

Organist: Saturday – Deanna Karsten  
Sunday – Paula Streich

Deacons: Saturday – Mark Fleming  
Sunday – Pat Quaine & Matthew Quaine

Ushers: Saturday – Deacons  
Sunday – Braden Idalski & Kyrsten Altman

## **Those Sharing Their Faith With Us**

Attendance/17: 69; Communed/17: 58

## **Nominating Committee**

Election of Officer's for the Church will take place at the December 2019 Regular Voters meeting to begin in January 2020. There are openings in the area of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditors, Deacons, Sub-Deacons, Board of Christian Ed and Trustees. If interested in any of these positions, or know of someone who may serve in any of these positions, please talk to Matt Quaine, Donna Hopp, Willard Brege, Mark Fleming or Don Schaedig.

Please consider your service to the Church. Thank you from the nominating committee.

## **Holiday Related**



### **Time For Thanks**

St. John's Thanksgiving Service will be held on Nov. 27 at 7:00pm. The choir will rehearse before the Thanksgiving service at 5:45pm.

### **Come Deck the Church for Christmas**

Everyone is welcome to come beautify our church for the holidays. We will meet December 3 from 9:00am until it is done. More hands make for lighter work, so please come if you are able.

### **Invite to a Christmas Dinner**

The Ladies Aid would like to invite the congregation to our Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 8 in the church fellowship hall. Our program begins at 4:00pm with dinner at 5:30. The cost for adults is \$10, children 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under are free. Please RSVP by December 2 to Deanna Karsten at 734-2607.

### **Christmas Outreach Tree**

So glad so many of you can help. Do not throw away the tag you take off the tree. Your gifts need to be identified with the letter and number on the ornament you took from the tree, so the right recipient gets your gift. Toys are not necessary but appreciated. Carmeuse donates a very generous amount of toys which we will gather Dec. 9. Call Deanna Karsten if you have any questions or concerns at 734-2607.

### **In Honor of Betty Rusch**

*On her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
A gift was given by Lila Wenzel to the*

### **In Loving Memory of Gerald Urlaub**

*A gift was given by Jim & Geraldine Karsten  
to the Sunday School & VBS Fund*



### **In Loving Memory of Yvonne Wagner**

*A gift was given by Ken & Monica Fleming  
to the St. John Preschool Program*

# *Christmas Poinsettias*

Poinsettias are needed to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. You may purchase a plant in honor of a special occasion or in memory of loved ones. The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$15.00.

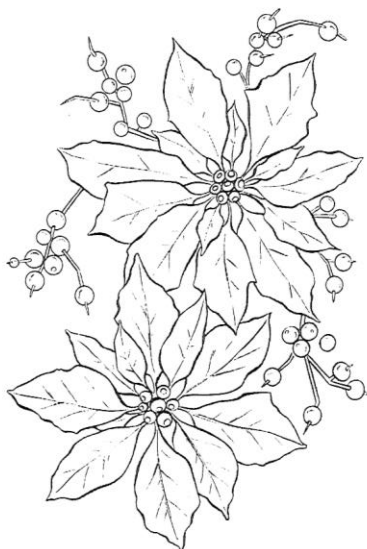
Please make checks out to:  
**Rogers City Flower Shop**

Please put orders in box in narthex.

Please fill out the information below.  
If you have any questions, please call  
Laura Hentkowski 734-7890

**Order deadline is December 1st.**

Thank you.



**GIVEN BY:**

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**IN MEMORY OF:**

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**IN HONOR OF:**

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## SECRETARY'S THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Please have all November 30 bulletin announcements to the church/school office or e-mail by Monday evening, so the secretary has time to prepare and print the information for Immanuel Lutheran before people are off on holiday. Thanks.

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### Italian Dinner & Auction Tally

#### INCOME

1150.00	Ads
2374.94	Monetary
85.00	Blessing Offering
6136.00	Live Auction
3186.00	Dinner Tickets
2987.00	Silent Auction
690.00	Gift Card Board Sale
775.00	Gift Cards For Meal & Auction
100.00	Walmart (Gift Card)
25.00	Family Fare (Gift Card)
100.00	Meijer (Gift Card)
50.00	Save-a-Lot (Gift Card)
250.00	Thrivent (Gift Card)
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17383.94 TOTAL INCOME

#### EXPENSES

775.00	(Use of Gift Cards for Meal & Auction)
103.27	(For Table Cloths and Desserts)
1600.00	10% to the Church

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2478.27 TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$14,905.67 TOTAL**

## LWML Is Collecting Postage Stamps Once Again

Cut and trim 1/8 inch around the stamp. It should not be torn or frayed.

Emphasis on foreign, old (1935) and real commemorative stamps.

Please do not put stamps on store flyer papers. They will be discarded.

Money from sale of stamps will go to help translate the Bible into the Liberian language through American Bible Society.

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## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

It's time to re-subscribe or subscribe to the Lutheran Witness at the congregational special rate of **\$12.00** per year. The Lutheran Witness (LW), which includes the Michigan District In Touch supplement, is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. LW provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective.

Your payment must be received on or before the weekend of December 7-8 in order to meet the District submission deadline of December 15. Please make your check payable to St. John Lutheran Church. You may include your check or cash with your weekly contribution envelope or give it to your Lutheran Witness Coordinator, Donald Schaedig, who will be pleased to provide additional information @ 734-3892 or [dschaedig@hotmail.com](mailto:dschaedig@hotmail.com).

YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ **\$12.00**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK OR CASH

**Current subscribers:** Ken & Monica Fleming, Roger Fleming, Joel & Robin Idalski, Ron & Donna Hopp, Alger & Janet Lamb, Richard & Riconda Lamb, Stephen Hein, Deanna Karsten, Karen Quade, Matt & Jackie Quaine, Don & Marilyn Schaedig, Rosemarie Trafelet, Delores Zampich.

**MEMBER CHALLENGE: LET'S ADD TEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS!**