

St. John Lutheran Church Announcements

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Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ! Worship at St. John – December 21

We cordially welcome all who are worshiping 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.

PASTOR RIDDLE WELCOMES YOU to call on him with your ministry needs. His cell and e-mail are listed above. Home is 989-474-9292.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

St. John will have its quarterly voters' meeting after the Dec. 21 service. Items on the agenda include election of officers and treasurer's report. Your attendance is requested.

A HUGE THANKS to Basel Oil for its generous donation for the children's Christmas Eve bags! And, thank you to the youth group for assembling them and helping clean the church to get it ready for Christmas! You are all appreciated! ♥

2020 PIZZA CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

If you like Lighthouse Pizza, we have a great deal for you that also benefits our school. Two Lighthouse pizza card options are ready for purchase in the St. John office. You can get a card worth 5 pizzas for \$49 or you can get a 2020 pizza-a-month card for \$99 (12 pizzas).

Vespers (p.229 ff)

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 341 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Sermon Hymn: 361 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Third Hymn: – 934 – My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord **Closing Hymn:** 900 – Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Readings

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 11:10-17

Epistle Reading – Romans 1:1-7

Holy Gospel Reading - Matthew 1:18-25

Introit - Ps. 130:5-8; antiphon: Is. 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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.

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that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Collect of the Day

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

St. John Lutheran Weekly Calendar - Dec. 21-29

Saturday/21	5:00p	Worship at St. John
Tuesday/24	5:00p	Christmas Eve Service St. John
Wednesday/25	9:30a	Christmas Day Service at Peace
Thursday/26	10:00a	St. Michael's Women Study
Saturday/28	5:00p	Worship at Immanuel

SECRETARY SCHEDULE

The secretary will not have regular hours while school is out on break but will be in to take care of the church's weekly needs. Please have bulletin information to the secretary by Monday morning on Dec. 23 for the December 28 service and to the office by Tuesday morning, December 31, for the January 6 service. Thanks.

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. J. Derek Riddle

Reader: Roger Fleming

Organist: Paula Streich

Deacons: Mark Fleming

<u>Ushers</u>: Deacons

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UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH?

If you desire to support the ministry of St. John's, but are unable to attend church regularly, please consider enrolling in Excel In Giving, a method that allows you to support the ministry of St. John's on a consistent basis. Enrollment forms are available on the Narthex counter for your use. Please contact Treasurer, Don, if you need help. Return your application in a sealed envelope to the school office:

Attn: Treasurer. "As people of faith, giving generously is a natural response to the outpouring of God's blessings."

In Loving Memory of Wilbert & Evelyn Heller

A gift was given by Don & Marilyn Schaedig to the Radio Fund

In Loving Memory of Nelson Paull

A gift was given by Ronald & Donna Hopp to the Church General Fund

In Loving Memory of Bill & June Cleghorn

A gift was given by Bill & Barb VanSteenis to the Radio Fund

In Loving Memory of Harvey & Richard Peltz

Gifts were given by Loretta Peltz, Art Peltz
Sylvester & Beverly Krajniak and David & Deanne Kortman
to the Church General & School Memorial Funds

St. John Military Addresses

They would surely welcome a warm hello this holiday season or anytime.

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