

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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December 1-2, 2018

Walk with St John's in the Lomira Christmas Parade This Afternoon The parade starts at 5:30 - we'll plan on meeting at St John's by 4:15. We will have a wagon or trailer of some sort and be walking and handing out candy and postcard invitations to our Christmas services. If we have enough singers, we could also sing some carols! Anyone interested in riding or walking would be welcome!

The nominations for this year's council are as follows:

Church Council

Jason Boecker

Dan Priest

Jasson Johnson

Todd Pinno

Phil Luedtke

Scott Berger

School Board Non-Council

Matt Fenske

Justin Perschke

*These positions are a great way for you to use the blessings God has gifted you with to serve this great Congregation we have been blessed with. Please accept these nominations as a privilege to help serve St John's and not as a burden, these positions can be very rewarding experience to see how the church works. I know in **some** situation there may be a good reason to **possibly** decline this nomination. If so, please let me know so we can add another candidate. Thank you.*

Church President Brian Meyer 960-960-1147.

Church Decorating Help decorate our church on Monday, December 3 beginning at 6:30pm. Pizza will be provided.

Christmas Flowers Help beautify our church for our Christmas services! Order your flowers by December 9th. The sign up sheet is on the table outside the office.

Advent by Candlelight Ladies, please join us on Sunday, December 9 at 4pm for our annual Advent by Candlelight service. Enjoy a quiet evening of fellowship as we reflect on the story of salvation that fills our hearts with true peace not only at Christmastime, but every day of our lives. Consider inviting a guest – friend, family member, neighbor etc. – to join you for this beautiful and meaningful gathering! Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

Wiggles & Giggles Come join us for our Wiggles and Giggles Play Group on Wednesdays from 9 am -10/10:30 am. Bring your wiggly toddler and your own snack for fun in the school gym and enjoy fellowship with other parents.

Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church,

This past October St. Johns Church Council again extended a one year Divine Call to me to be St. John's Visitation Pastor, preach once each month and work with the Board of Elders. After a brief discussion with the Board of Elders I am both humbled and pleased to announce my acceptance of that Call for another year. I look forward to our Lord Jesus' continued blessing on my work in your midst and ask for your continued prayers and support of the ministry at St. John's.

Serving our Lord Jesus with you,

Pastor John E. Warmuth

Sunday, December 23rd St John's Bell Choir will be presenting the pre-service music for the worship service on December 23. They will be playing various Christmas numbers for about 25 minutes before the service. Please take this wonderful opportunity to hear (and watch) your Bell Choir perform. Bell music is pleasant to hear and it is also beautiful to watch. The service begins at 9:00 a.m. The Bell Choir will begin at approximately 8:30. The Sunday School students will be presenting most of the worship service on this day. A small choir will also be singing. The service is called "The Silence and the Sound." It leads us from the children of Israel waiting and hoping for the Messiah to the birth of Jesus and the joy we have as believers in our wonderful Savior!

Do you like to work with photography? St. John's is looking for you. Our church and school needs someone to take some pictures of all our doorways, inside and out, take some pictures of our classrooms and the inside of the church, and take some outside pictures of our entryways. These are needed for our developing emergency plan for school and church. It really isn't difficult but it needs to be done completely and be well-organized. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Mr. Obermiller.

Joyful Witness presents "Behold, a Savior!" You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The concerts will be held on Friday, December 7th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oakfield at 2:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us as we come together and Behold, the Savior!

Worship Choir for December 23: All confirmed members are invited to join in a "Worship Choir" to sing with the Sunday School at the 9:00 a.m. service on December 23. You don't have to memorize anything and most of the music will be sung in unison.

Christmas Choir All those interested in singing for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and/or the Sunday service on Dec 23, please plan to come to rehearsals on Monday evenings at 6:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with others in singing God's praises. If you are interested, but cannot come to the first rehearsal, please contact Maggi Vilski at 920-539-0908.

Handbells will be practicing December 11th and 18th at 6:30 pm.

LTAA Basketball is starting again This is open to boys and girls that do not already play High School basketball for their high schools, grades 9-12. If interested contact Skip Meyer for Boys 920-960-1147 or Josh Elack for girls 920-904-2876, Boys will practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Sunday Bible Study: Hard Sayings of Jesus Did Jesus really say to hate my mother and father? What could He who said, "My peace I give to you," have meant when He said, "I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." Was He serious that He's coming back soon, because it's been a long time?! It's OK to be honest about it: Jesus said some controversial and confusing things! But He has also given us His Word to understand them, and to use to explain them to others. Join us as we work through some of these tough sayings in our current Sunday Bible Study *Hard Sayings of Jesus*.

Midweek Bible Class We have now completed our study of the book of Colossians and are ready to move onto the study of the lives and ministries of two of God's Old Testament prophets - Elijah and Elisha. Come join us on Wednesdays from 9-10am in the 3K room (formerly the church library/meeting room). **WE WANT YOU** to join us for this "new" Bible study topic!

Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary - The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced tickets sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wls.wels.net.

Congregational Wishlist – From time to time you might wish to give a special gift to the Lord's service and the blessing of St John's. While those gifts might simply be given toward outstanding needs of the congregation, we also invite you to consider the other non-budgetary items suggested by the Church Council for the benefit of congregational life! *Our current St. John's Wishlist:*

Item:	Amount Needed:	Gifts Already Given:
Church Air Conditioning	\$18,000	apx \$4000
Industrial Vacuum	\$2500	
2021 WELS New Hymnal Fund	\$6000	

If you have other needs/items that you think should be on this list, please speak with Pastor or one of your Church Councilmen!

Daily Bible Readings

S	Isaiah 2:1-5	Mark 13:32-37
M	2 Corinthians 1:15-22	Habakkuk 2:1-4
T	Micah 2:1,2,9,12,13	Colossians 1:9-14
W	2 Samuel 7:4-9, 11-14a,16	Genesis 49:8-10
T	Isaiah 64:1-3	Numbers 24:15-18
F	Hebrews 10:19-25	John 18:33-37
S	Revelation 22:12-14, 16,17,20,21	Zephaniah 3:14-17
S	Isaiah 40:1-11	Romans 15:4-13

This Week at St. John's		
Sun., Dec. 2 nd	8:00	Worship w/Communion
	9:00	Sunday School
	9:00	Fellowship
	9:10	Bible Study
	9:15	Worship Choir Practice
	10:00	Worship w/Communion
Mon., Dec. 3 rd	5:30	Lomira Christmas Parade
	4:00	Catechism
	6:30	Choir
Wed., Dec. 5 th	6:30	Christmas Decorating
	9:00	Bible Class
Sat., Dec. 8 th	9:00	Wiggles & Giggles
	9:00	Sunday School Christmas Practice
Sun., Dec. 9 th	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Sunday School
	9:00	Fellowship
	9:10	Bible Class
	9:15	Worship Choir Practice
	10:00	Worship
	4:00	Advent By Candlelight

Our Responses of Love

Thanksgiving Attendance 11/22: 114

Thanksgiving Offerings: \$3,545.27

Gen. \$3,051; Loose \$494.27

Weekend Attendance 11/25: 195

Weekend Offerings: \$6,035

Gen. \$4,828; Missions \$155; WLA \$50; Building Fund \$55; Loose \$941; Sun. School \$6

Electronic Withdrawal avg/week: \$500

Memorials: In Memory of Eileen Strassman Church: \$ 1,215; School: \$115

Weekly Offering Needs:

General: \$10,230 Missions: \$510 WLA: \$288

Organist	Sharon Schwichtenberg
Dec. 2 nd 8:00	Team #7 – Mike Zimmerman, Steve Durocher, Ryan Durocher, Mike Elack, Jr., Doug Zimmerman, Kaleb Zimmerman
10:00	Team #8 – Don Luedtke, Tim Hoff, Ryan Kinyon, Todd Priest, Mitchell Priest
Dec. 9 th 8:00	Team #9 – Tony Del Ponte, Phil Luedtke, Randy Nickel, Dennis O'Connor, Greg Obermiller
10:00	Team #10 – John Haeni, Conrad Haeni, Tracy Kinyon, Jordan Abitz, Greg Schneider
Dec. 16 th 8:00	Team #9 – Tony Del Ponte, Phil Luedtke, Randy Nickel, Dennis O'Connor, Greg Obermiller
10:00	Team #10 – John Haeni, Conrad Haeni, Tracy Kinyon, Jordan Abitz, Greg Schneider
Sat. (Dec. 1 st & 15 th)	Skip Meyer