



St. John Lutheran Church
Connecting People in the Heart of Jesus
December 2023



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God accomplishes this mission in us and through us in weekly worship, Bible Study and other fellowship opportunities. God comes to us in the Word and the Sacraments to show us the love and new life he has for us in Jesus Christ. He gives us the opportunity to serve others and reach out with his love.

Join Us ~ Service times:

Chapel: Wednesday 8:30 am
Traditional Worship:
Saturday 6:00pm
Contemporary Worship: 9:00 am

Education Hour~ Sunday 10:30 am

My Child & Me- 0-3 years
Sunday School: 3 years -Grade 4
Confirmation: Grades 5-8
High School Youth
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study:

Men's -Parish Hall- 9:00 am
Women's-Parish Hall -9:30 am

About Us: St John Ministries

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Advent by the Light of Grace

Though Epiphany is the season of light after the Christmas season, Advent is often characterized by the Advent wreath and the candlelight journey to celebrate the coming of the Messiah to bring grace to the world. Through Jesus we receive Amazing Grace. Just as we remembered during Lent this year, we also remember this Advent that 250 years ago John Newton wrote his famous hymn, "Amazing Grace."

This Advent we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with His amazing grace. Through Scripture, song and reflections, we will be reminded that Jesus makes His grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Mary. Then on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we will see this light shining on the Shepherds and all of us through the message of the Angels.

Wednesday, November 29: Zechariah's story shines a light of hope.

In his old age, after years of waiting and not giving up hope, Zechariah is blessed with a son, John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Light of Grace, Jesus.

Wednesday, December 6: Isaiah's message shines a light of peace.

Isaiah announces to an unsettled people that relief is coming soon through the Prince of Peace, the Son of God, the Light of Grace.

Wednesday, December 13: Elizabeth's story brings a light of joy.

The boy in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy and so does she when Mary arrives, carrying the little Lord Jesus inside her. The Light of Grace is soon to come.

Wednesday, December 20: Mary's song reveals a light of love.

The mother of the Light of Grace sings a love song to the Lord for His undeserved favor toward her and toward all the world.

Sunday, December 24: The Shepherds' story shines light the Light of

Grace on our darkness. On Christmas Eve we celebrate with Scripture, song and candlelight that the true Light of Grace has come. Jesus Christ graces us with His life as a little baby boy. We go with the shepherds to greet God's amazing grace in a manger and glorify Him.

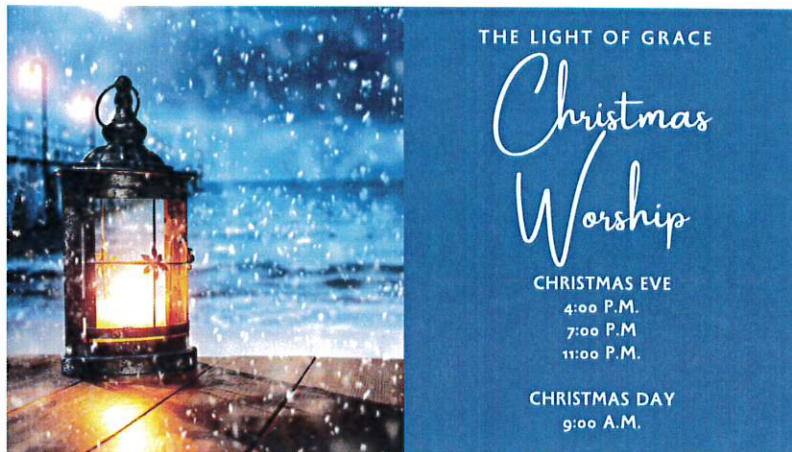


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Monday, December 25: The Angels' proclamation shines the Light of Grace for us and for all of the creation. On this Christmas Day we celebrate with Scripture and song that the true Light of Grace gifts us with His holy presence in the Christ Child. We will welcome the Savior in this service, as we join with the angels in greeting God's amazing grace in a manger. We raise our voices in praise to our God for the birth of His Son on this very special day.

We hope to see you basking in the light of God's Grace with us throughout this Advent season.

Sanctified to Serve,
Rev. B.J. Fouts



150TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. JOHN MINISTRIES

You are invited to connect with us! St. John Ministries is celebrating the 150th anniversary with a special worship service. This milestone event, themed "150 Years of God's Amazing Grace," is set to take place on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 am.

- Established in 1872, St. John Ministries have been serving the community for 150 years.
- The guest speaker for the event will be District President Rev. Richard Snow, former Pastor of St. John Ministries.
- A fellowship potluck will be held after the worship service. Main dish to be provided.
- Help us celebrate 150 years of "Connecting People in the Heart of Jesus."





Baptism

**Nora Desha & Mia Mae
Volquardsen**

Child of Nehemia & Krystal
Volquardsen

was welcomed into the
Lord's family on
November 11.

Sponsors are
Micah & Mathew
Volquardsen

Naomi Marty & David Bach

*We were buried therefore
with him by baptism into
death, so that as Christ was
raised from the dead by the
glory of the Father, we too
might walk in newness of
life.*

Romans 6:4

Funerals

Gene Charles Zohner
went home to be with his
Lord on
October 20.

His funeral was here at
St. John on October 24.

In Loving Memory



December
Evangelism:
Collecting for:
Bright Horizons

KITCHENWARE:
POTS
PANS
DISHES
SILVERWARE

CLEANING SUPPLIES
&
BABY SUPPLIES

FIND MORE DETAILS IN YOUR PEW!

Snow Removal Help

The trustees have organized snow crews for the winter season, however, they are always looking for more help. If you are able to join a crew please contact head trustee, Todd Roberts, or Katie in the church office. Thank you!

The weekend of December 9/10 the Youth will be collecting spare change at worship services to purchase Christmas gifts for a local family in need. Look for the youth as we bless others with the blessings God has given us.



LIGHT OF GRACE

Advent 2023

MIDWEEKS
NOVEMBER 29
DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

MEAL 6 P.M.

WORSHIP 7 P.M.

*For to us a child
is born, to us a
son is given; and
the government
shall be upon His
shoulder, and
His name shall
be called
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace.*

Advent Meals

Everyone is invited to pause from their busyness and join us for Advent Family Meals at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. John Church

- Nov. 29 -Soups
- Dec. 6- Chicken Nuggets and Mac & Cheese
- Dec 13-Pancakes & Sausage
- Dec 20- Chili & Cinnamon Rolls

**Each of us is an
Innkeeper who
decides if there
is room for
Jesus!**



Christmas Worship Service Times

- **Advent Midweeks** 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 6 pm meal
7 pm worship (no communion)
- **"Family Christmas Service"** 12/17 - 9 am (no communion)
Potluck to follow worship
- **Saturday Worship** 12/23 – Hymn Sing @ 6 pm
- **Sunday Worship** 12/24 - Hymn Sing @ 9 am
- **Christmas Eve** – Sunday, 12/24
4 pm; 7 pm; 11 pm with communion
- **Christmas Day** – Sunday, 12/25
9 am with communion
- **New Year's Eve** – Regular Worship 9 am



Help us to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas!

If you wish to purchase a Poinsettia in the name of a loved one, or just to help decorate the church, enclose \$9.00 in a marked envelope with the name for whom it is in memory of and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office by December 11. Please make all checks payable to the St. John Altar Guild.



Festival Choir Rehearsal

Join the St. John Festival Choir for the 150th Anniversary Worship Service.

Rehearsals:

Sunday, November 26, 10:30 am

Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm



Offering Envelopes

The church office will soon be distributing the 2024 offering envelopes. **The numbers will change, so do NOT use your 2023 envelopes for giving in 2024.**

If you received a box for 2023, you will receive a box for 2024. Please call the church office to request a box of envelopes if you did not receive one last year.

Offering envelopes that were not picked up for 2023 will not be re-issued. The church office continues to track your giving for tax purposes regardless if you give by cash, check, or electronically.

We appreciate your generous support of St. John Ministries.

Thank you!!

The church office will be closed on the following dates:

December 25 & 26 for Christmas
December 29 & January 1 for New Years



Praise the Lord for providing the food and the hands to make Festmahl a success. With the donations of food and volunteer helpers, over 600 meals were served. This event cannot happen without you.

Thank You!



DAY OF GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Participate in the National Day of Giving with St. John Ministries.

DONATIONS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

→ St. John Early Learning
Center Playground Updates



→ CHURCH PARKING LOT LIGHTS

→ St. John School Scholarships



WATCH FOR LIVE FACEBOOK UPDATES



Help us reach our
\$20,000 goal!!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
GIVE ELECTRONICALLY



OR DROP A CHECK OFF AT
CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR ELC

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!
ST. JOHN STEWARDSHIP BOARD

St. John Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, NE Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023

In attendance: Mike Anderson, Deanna Anderson, Bryon Anderson, Christy Schmidt, Katie Schnitzler, Karen Grant, Mark Baumgartel, Tia Eriksen, Nick Onnen, Reid Ehrisman, Brett Freudenberg

Call to Order/Opening Devotion and Prayer: Reid opens at 8:04pm with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The September 18, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Mike Anderson motioned to approve the September minutes. Deanna Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Board Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Katie Schnitzler. In the last month, operating debt has increased by \$50,000. Budgeted income continues to increase (up over 10% above previous year) but not at the same rate as operating costs (up over 19% from previous year). Major factors contributing to this are IRS mileage rate increases, insurance premiums, keeping pay rates above the minimum wage hikes, and general inflation. In comparison to last year at this time, operating debt is significantly less than it was at this time in 2022. Mike Anderson motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Brett Freudenberg. Motion carried.
- b. Trustees' Report by Bryon Anderson: Heating units have been replaced. Snow removal crew has been finalized. Attention is needed on a down spout at church. Lights have been added to the south side of the church and the trustees are going to add more to the east side in the future.
- c. Elders' Reports by Mike Anderson: At the last elders meeting they had visitor input to discuss concerns about confirmation. Reid encouraged all board members that are approached with concerns by an individual to direct those individuals to the appropriate board meetings or staff. Transfer In: Jacob Nathan from Christ Lutheran in Norfolk. Transfers Out: Elizabeth, Greg, Lucy, Theo, Gus, and Hazel Prauner to Grace Lutheran in Norfolk. Karen Grant motioned to approve transfers in and out. Christy Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Evangelism Report by Tia Eriksen: Prayer walk signs are in place and they have been receiving positive feedback. The Operation Christmas Child event took place and was very successful. Evangelism hosted the potluck for church worker appreciation last month with good attendance. Evangelism is planning to help Parish Ed with an Advent meal. December's collection for Evangelism will go to Bright Horizons.
- e. Parish Ed Report by Christy Schmidt: There were 74 boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child. This is up from last year. VBS 2024 dates have been set for July 21-25. The free-will offerings collected from the Advent meal to go to offset the cost of VBS shirts. Parish Ed is planning to host a family potluck after the family Christmas service on Sunday, December 17.
- f. Parochial Ed Report by Brett Freudenberg: School hosted Grandparents Day today with a large turnout. Basketball practices have started. The basketball parents had the opportunity to sign a waiver to allow for practices to be held at St. John but no games will be played in our gym. The basketball teams are in need of new uniforms and plan to use the athletic fund to purchase some. Board members will be doing classroom visits soon. Mr. Onnen gave a gym floor update, stating that the construction investigator was on site two weeks ago to assess the gym floor issues. Currently, we are still waiting for the final report.
- g. Early Learning Center (ELC) Report by Deanna Anderson: The ELC will be losing some staff members soon, but Kelsey has re-hired a previous staff member. The ELC needs part-time staff. Board members plan to reach out to other local schools to see if they can get some interest and will try to make the opportunity of working at the ELC known to as many schools, colleges, and job boards as possible. The ELC continues to prep for Step Up to Quality review. This will be the first evaluation through the Step Up to Quality process. The Butterbraid fundraiser is happening right now through December 6. Funds raised will go towards updating the toddler/infant playground equipment and play area. The ELC will be hosting a "Birthday Party for Jesus" on December 14 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
- h. Stewardship Report by Karen Grant: Stewardship board is planning to serve the LIGHT group a meal and discuss credit cards, budgets, and tithing on January 10. Giving Tuesday is November 28 and funds raised will be used for church parking lot lights, ELC playground updates, and school scholarships. Please help spread the word about St. John Ministries' Day of Giving!

Old Business: None

New Business

- a. Reid Ehrisman reminded the Council that no nominations were received for vice chairman when voting was done back in June. Reid has contacted several people to see if they would be willing to serve in that role with no success. Colby Kolm has agreed to be vice chairman if a nomination was not obtained. Mike Anderson motioned to appoint Colby Kolm as vice chairman. Seconded by Deanna Anderson. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023 at 8:00 pm.

Adjourn: Christy Schmidt motioned to adjourn. Mike Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer at 8:47pm.

Reading / Prayer Calendar - December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 27, 2023	November 28, 2023	November 29, 2023	November 30, 2023	December 1, 2023
Psalm 13	Psalm 14	Psalm 15	Psalm 16	Psalm 17
Pray for Schools	Pray for the Armed Forces	Pray for your children or nieces/nephews	Pray for your Pastor	Pray for blessings in worship

December 4, 2023	December 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	December 7, 2023	December 8, 2023
Psalm 18	Psalm 19	Psalm 20	Psalm 21	Psalm 22
Pray for Teachers	Pray for the Government	Pray for your friends	Pray for Church staff	Pray for outreach in our community

December 11, 2023	December 12, 2023	December 13, 2023	December 14, 2023	December 15, 2023
Psalm 23	Psalm 24	Psalm 25	Psalm 26	Psalm 27
Pray for School Administrators	Pray for the President	Pray for the Family	Pray for the lay leaders of the church	Pray for missionaries

December 18, 2023	December 19, 2023	December 20, 2023	December 21, 2023	December 22, 2023
Psalm 28	Psalm 29	Psalm 30	Psalm 31	Psalm 32
Pray for Students	Pray for Congress	Pray for your spouse or parent	Pray for the Church	Pray for those alone this Christmas

December 25, 2023	December 26, 2023	December 27, 2023	December 28, 2023	December 29, 2023
Psalm 33	Psalm 34	Psalm 35	Psalm 36	Psalm 37
Pray for first responders	Pray for those with serious illnesses	Pray for those traveling	Pray for the lost	Pray for Blessings in the New Year



December Birthdays



2 Josiah Volk	11 Ron Smith	20 Boden Uecker	26 Peg Boyer
2 Cassie Frisch	12 Mason Tiedgen	20 Becci Koopman	26 Lana Tillman
2 Parker Peterson	12 Lois Kilgore	21 Duaine Zila	26 Theo Kollbaum
4 Emilee Anderson	15 Karen Halpin	21 Cameron Schlote	27 John Schroeder
4 Dylan Anderson	15 Chloe Klug	22 Caleb Brauer	27 Trevor Werner
4 Deborah Sunderman	16 Bill Alberts	22 Hollie Anderson	27 Mark Westerman
4 Brady Trowbridge	16 Lori Uecker	22 Laikley Jessen	28 Mark Baumgartel
5 Bryon Anderson	16 Miles Stueve	22 Lauryl Jessen	28 Jason Schmidt
6 Hunter Anderson	17 Chris Goodwater	23 Chase Knull	28 Matthew Volquarsen
6 Ezra Weber	17 Jerid Zila	24 Chris Hassler	29 Twyla Hurlburt
6 Suttyn Petersen	17 Heather Lenox	24 Matt Reeves	31 Loren Brandstetter
6 Trisha Haack	17 Allison Uecker	24 Travis Smith	31 David Tiedtke
7 Ella Reeves	17 Lori Unkel	24 Christian Kruger	31 Erin Tiedgen
7 Maddox Loftis	18 Myron Tiedtke	25 Mark Bierman	
10 Cooper Kuk	19 Sonya Kraft	25 Ronald Herbert	
10 Godofredo Anghay	19 Larry Obst	25 Trevor Hintz	
10 Chris Klug	19 LaDonna Roewert	25 Diane Lulow	
10 Gladys Praeuner	19 Dee Tiedgen	25 Gary Praeuner	



Celebration
of *Life*

WINGS ~ Women In God's Service

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels over the holidays.

WINGS met on October 26. Vice President Patty Renner called the meeting to order. Pastor Leech led the group in a Bible study on prayer, based on Romans 3:19-28: Prayer #1 - S.O.A.P (Subjective, Observation, Application, Prayer) and Prayer #2 - A.C.T.S. (Acknowledge, Confess, Thanksgiving, Supplication/Requests). The Lord's Prayer is an example of Prayer #2. Following the study, mites offerings were given.

WINGS continues to help with BINGO at Community Pride Care Center. WINGS members have also "adopted" shut-ins from the St. John congregation.

WINGS met on November 16. Sarah Tillman shared a Mustard Seed devotion with the group called "My Home, My Mission Field", referencing Matthew 28:19a. Following the devotion, Gladys led us in song by playing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" on the piano.

Several members helped set up, serve, and clean up for Grandparents Day on November 20. It was a joy to see all the grandparents excited to spend some special time with their grandchildren.

Our 8th Annual Craft and Vendor show will be Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. A homemade soup and pie luncheon will be available from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please come and enjoy the day with us and get some Christmas shopping done. Admission is free and there will be drawings for door prizes every 30 minutes. Free Christmas ornaments will be given to the first 50 guests.

On December 10 and 17, we will be serving and supplying treats for fellowship before education hour.

We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon at Goody's Grille on December 14. Following lunch, WINGS members will be at CPCC with special prizes for BINGO.

Our next meeting will be January 25 at 1:30 pm. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry. God's richest blessings during this Advent and Christmas season.



Save the Date-WINGS Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Soup & Pie Luncheon



**Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
at the St. John Fellowship Hall.**

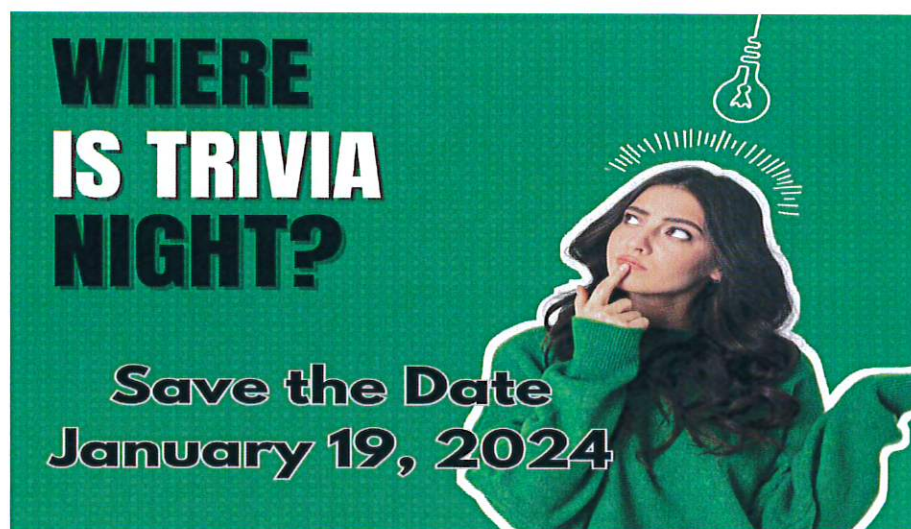
Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Ornaments to the first 50 people-Door Prizes

Connecting people in the heart of Jesus. Serving the Lord's House in December, 2023
If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and call the church office (675-3155) to correct the bulletin.

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Sound Booth	Acolytes
Sat Dec 2 Sun Dec 3	6:00 10:00	Borgelt/Kossmann Zohner/J. Baumgartel	Acklie/Volk Ridder/Wolf	Volk Borchers	Otjen Kossmann
Wed Dec 6	7:00	Kossmann	Zohner	Youth	Schmidt
Sat Dec 9 Sun Dec 10	6:00 9:00	Anderson/Prauner Sunderman/Howser	Acklie/Volk J Borchers/Fleer	Volk Wragge	Kuchar Hoehne/Ehrisman
Wed Dec 13	7:00	Howser	Fleer	Youth	Schmidt
Sat Dec 16 Sun Dec 17	6:00 9:00	Wedekind / M Baumgartel Zohner/J Baumgartel	Acklie/Volk Werners	Volk Fouts/ Kuchar	Volk/Otjen Hoehne/Ehrisman
Wed Dec 20	7:00	Wedekind	Acklie	Youth	Schmidt
Sat. Dec 23	6:00	Anderson	Acklie/Volk	Volk	
Sun. Dec 24	9:00 4:00 7:00 11:00	Sunderman/Prauner M. Baumgartel/ Zohner/Anderson Borgelt	Werners Acklie/Fleer Werners Volk	Wragge Fouts Volk	
Mon. Dec 25	9:00	Kossmann/M Baumgartel	Volk	Volk	
Sat. Dec 30	6:00	Anderson/M. Baumgartel	Acklie/Volk	Volk	
Sun. Dec 31	9:00	Prauner/Kossmann	Fleer/Zohner	Fouts	Kossmann



Mark your calendars and gather your team, because Trivia Night is on its way! The event is set to take place on January 19, 2024, at St. Pat's Parish Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to show off your knowledge, meet new people, and have an unforgettable night filled with laughs and learning.

From the Principal



When cars were first introduced to the public, there were no seatbelts, airbags, or driver's education classes. There was no doubt the technology would change the world, but it came with growing pains. Initially the world did not know how to harness the technology.

When the smartphone first became common, there was no doubt it would change the world, but we have not yet begun to harness the technology. Unfortunately, the negative effects are not identified as easily as a car wreck, and the solutions not as simple as a seatbelt.

From an educator's desk, I can alert you to the trends we're encountering. For instance, for the last several years the primary topic of conferences has focused on childhood mental health. This past October, Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann shared that, in the last 15 years, suicide rates in people under the age of 22 have skyrocketed and are yet to plateau. In the same age group, among his clinics of study, the number one reason for referrals for mental health care was "process addiction" attributed to technology. While alcoholism allows the addict to be removed from the substance, process addiction is a compulsive behavior that comes from within.

Devices vibrate and chime like a slot machine enticing engagement. Our children, unbeknownst to them, are competing with brain researchers who are employed by social media and app creators charged with making their experience as customized and addicting as possible. Couple that with the fact that adolescent brains are developing and establishing lifelong behavior patterns. What chance do they have?

There is good news. We, the parents, during our children's most formative years, have the keys to the car. My parents didn't teach me how to use this technology responsibly because it wasn't around when I was growing up. We, however, have an opportunity! As parents, we are to teach and MODEL how to use devices as a tool rather than allow the devices control us. We can tether our devices to chargers, not because they need charging, but because we are practicing self-control. We can demonstrate our children's importance by looking them in the eye and having conversations. We can give them the social connection that they so desire and validate their importance by prioritizing them over a digital world. When the photoshopped social media world constantly tells them they aren't good enough we can validate their significance and the way that God made them. We can enforce parameters, unplug the internet, and require their devices to be turned off and in our care. We can practice what we preach because our best preaching is the kind done without words.

I pray that as you read this you would feel empowered and that you would make a specific plan. In Proverbs 22, God charges us to "train up a child in the way he should go." Yes, our primary goal is to point them to Christ, but in doing so, we are to also care for their whole being.

Growing Together in Christ,

Mr. Onnen



Too often, the hazards of new products are discovered only after first exposing a new generation.

On November 20, 2023, St. John hosted their first annual Grandparents Day Celebration. Around 100 sets of grandparents attended the celebration. The day was filled with special activities that brought everyone together. We started by attending chapel together, followed by crafts, read-alouds, and some time to chat and enjoy snacks. The highlight of the day was when the grandparents visited classrooms with their grandchildren, getting a chance to see their projects and work. It was truly heartwarming to witness the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. We hope to make this a yearly tradition!

St. John Lutheran School Christmas Concert



Sunday,
December 10
5:00 pm
Church Sanctuary



On-line Advent Devotions
written & presented by the 8th
grade students at St. John school
will be shared on the church
Facebook page beginning
November 27.

Let God's gift of faith expressed
in these young people help you
prepare for the coming of our
Savior this Holiday Season.



Save the Date for the 3rd
Annual IGNITE auction to be
held on **March 2, 2024** at
Divots Conference Center!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and
participated in this year's
Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection.

We shipped off **74** boxes to
Samaritan's Purse, who will send the boxes off to
children around the world. A big thanks to
everyone who also donated
money to assist with the shipping costs.

THANK YOU!!



STJ ELC CONNECTION



Quality early childhood care and education experiences are vital to a Nebraska that thrives. The We Care for Kids campaign aims to help support quality early childhood education and professionals to support all families in Nebraska. You can find resources at the website below to be an advocate for quality care and education in Nebraska and right here in our center.

As a partner with the We Care for Kids campaign, St. John ELC aims to provide those opportunities and other events to bring awareness and support to our teachers and field! Join us in the movement!

<https://nebraskacaresforkids.org/families>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! DECEMBER 14, 2023

Join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus!

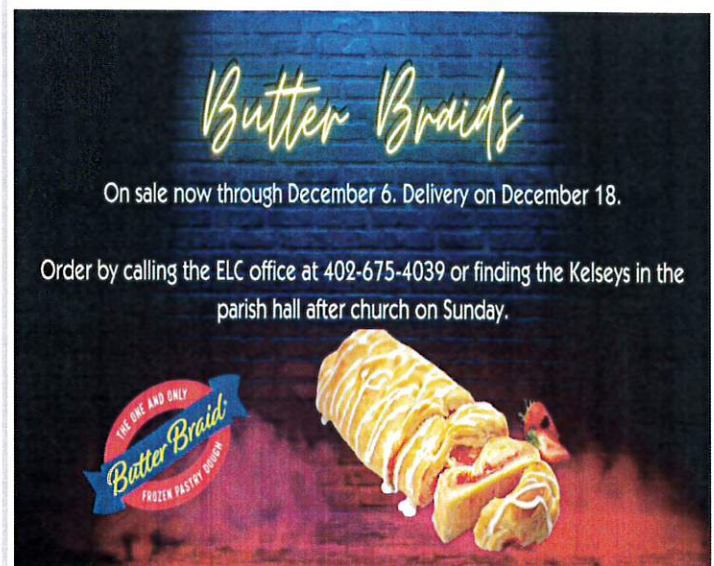
This community event will be Thursday, December 14 from 6 to 7:30 pm. We will have pizza for supper, cookie decorating, crafts, activities, family reading, games, and so much more! We will also have our infant room open for infant parents to feed or change babies, or even just escape for a little quiet if needed!

Join us for a fun evening full of birthday fun for Jesus for the whole family! Bring a friend or two or three, also! See you there!



Important Dates at ELC

- Nov. 23 & 24 - ELC closed
Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 7 - PTL at 6:30 pm in School Age Room
- December 14 - Birthday Party for Jesus from 6–7:30 pm
- December 22 & 25 - ELC Closed
Merry Christmas!!
- December 29 & January 1 - ELC Closed
Happy New Year!!



Youth and Family Ministry



No Education Hour December 17, 24 & 31
Merry Christmas & Happy new Year!

We had a fun Jesus-filled weekend at the District Youth Gathering in Kearney. This hard working group hung ceiling tiles for a service project then played hard enjoying the festivities on Saturday evening. We closed out our weekend worshipping with youth from NE, SD, CO, & ND.

We will never forget this experience! God does extraordinary work in ordinary people!

Thank you for your continued generosity that makes these events possible! To God be the glory!



⇒ 11/29 Attend Advent service together. Meet in the parish hall.
(30 min meeting after service to plan meal for 12/20)

⇒ 12/2 WINGS Craft Fair
 -Youth will be selling greenery from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
 Sign up to help here.



⇒ 12/9 & 12/10 Spare Change collection for the Guernsey family.
 Sign up to help here.



⇒ 12/17—Following worship we will go shopping for our adopted family and wrap the gifts. RSVP here.



⇒ 12/20—Meet at the parish hall at 5:30 pm to serve the Advent meal at 6:00 pm.
 Sign up to bring food items here.





DECEMBER 2023

Join us!

Weekly Service times:

Chapel:

Wednesday 8:30 am
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Education Hour/Sunday School

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Studies:

Tuesday Night Bible study
with Ms. Werner
@ 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday @ 9:00 am
Parish Hall

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday @ 9:30 am
Parish Hall Classroom

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 WINGS Craft & Vendor Fair 11:00 Soup & Pie Luncheon
3 No Education Hour 10:00 am 1:50 th Anniversary Worship 11:00 Potluck	4	5 1:00 Sr Fun Day	6 6:00 Advent Meal Chicken Nuggets- Mac & Cheese 7:00 Worship	7	8 10:00 School Concert Dress Rehearsal	9
10 LIGHT Spare Change Collection 5:00 School Christmas Concert Church Sanctuary	11	12	13 4:00 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 Advent Meal French Toast & Sausage 7:00 Worship	14 WINGS Noon Luncheon- Goody's Grille 6:00 Jesus Birthday Party-ELC	15	16 5:00 Prayer Group
17 No Education Hour 9:00 Family Christmas—Potluck to follow worship	18 Council Meeting	19	20 6:00 Advent Meal Chili & Cinn. Rolls 7:00 Worship	21	22	23
24 9:00 Worship Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 Traditional 7:00 Contemp. 11:00 Candle Light	25 9:00 Christmas Day	26 Church Office Closed	27 Leadership Staff TBA	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 New Years Day Church office Closed						

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