

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

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Weekly News and Notices December 3, 2018

Mon Dec 3	6:45p Worship 8:00p Open Gym Basketball
Tues Dec 4	4:30p 5th & 6th PSI 5:30p 7th & 8th PSI 7:15p Joyful Noise
Wed Dec 5	3:45p Midweek Advent Service 4:15p Advent Meal 5:15p Ministry Enhancement Committee 6:30p Midweek Advent Service 7:30p Open Gym Volleyball
Thur Dec 6	10:00a Service at Linden Grove 3:30p Harvest Strategy Meeting 6:30p Adult Instruction Class
Fri Dec 7	8:30a Handbells
Sat Dec 8	-----
Sun Dec 9	8:00a Worship 9:15a SS/BC/Ignite 10:30a Worship (Usher 9, 2) Johnson, Gunkel, Stirmel, Sonnenburg, Gardner, Huey, Vollmer, Rachwal, Stroika, Volkmann, Holmstrom 3:00p & 7:00p Christmas Concert at WLS

479 people gathered last weekend to be fed by our gracious Lord in Word and Sacrament (8 am-275; 10:30 am-149, Mon-55). **324** gathered for our Thanksgiving Services. **257 people** attended youth or adult Bible study on Sunday and throughout the week.

Weekend Schedule

- Divine Service: Sunday 8 and 10:30 am; Monday 6:45 pm.
 - Advent Evening Prayer: Wednesdays 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 3:45 and 6:30 pm
 - Sunday School, Ignite (Teens), Adult Bible Study: Sunday 9:15-10:15 am.
 - Midweek Bible Study: Wednesdays 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. (**NO CLASS IN ADVENT. RESUMES January 9th**)
 - Adult Instruction Class: Thursdays 6:30 pm.
- Complete December Schedule [HERE](#)

Midnight Magic-Saturday, December 1st--Join us at St. John's this weekend for Midnight Magic from 4-8 pm! There will be singing, a craft sale, concession food, free coffee and snacks, a bake sale, and a children's craft area. There will also be a live nativity presentation outside at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00. The Midnight Magic parade begins at 3pm. Hope to see you all there!

Sunday, December 16th, 10:30 AM Service--We have a great problem on our hands. Our preschool has grown to the size where it makes sense to have a separate Children's Christmas Service for them. **Sunday, December 16th, the 10:30 am Service** will be the "Preschool Children's Service", a service that will include song, recitation, Luke 2, a Sermon, prayers, and hymns. **What can you do?**

- You can certainly attend the 10:30 Service on 12/16, just bear in mind that there may be a church-full of young ones and their families at that Service.
- You can attend the 8 am Service or the Monday 12/17 Service for our regular Divine Service.
- Please pray for God's continued blessings as we sow the gospel seed onto the hearts of the children enrolled in our preschool. Pray that God would utilize this Service to the glory of His Saving Name!

Advent Meals--Join us on Wednesday's during Advent from 4:30-6:15pm for the following meals:

12/5 Chili Supper coordinated by Janet Brugger

12/12 Pulled Pork Dinner hosted by our 7th & 8th Graders

12/19 Taco Dinner hosted by the Booster Club

Advent Chili Supper--A chili supper will be served for the Advent Meal on December 5th. If you would like to volunteer to bring chili, toppings, or sides, please sign up [here](#) or in the Narthex. Contact Janet Brugger with any questions.

Special Music for the Advent/Christmas Season--Pastor Bortulin is gathering names of those who would like to lend their voice or instrument to our December worship. Please send him a note and he'll find a place for you to serve. Thanks!

Christmas at the Seminary--The Seminary Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9th, at 3 pm and 7 pm. Admission is free (a freewill offering is gathered). The Seminary is located at 11831 N Seminary Drive in Mequon. More information is available at wls.wels.net .

School Hot Lunch Volunteers--We have had two openings come up for anyone interested in helping with the lunch program here at St. John's! If you are a parent or grandparent of one of our students, you will earn two FREE hot lunch tickets each week for volunteering your time. If you have any interest, please contact the church/school office. Thank you!

Activities for Adults:

- ◇ *Volleyball Open Gym*--Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Cost is free. Contact Vicki Kapke for more information.
- ◇ *Basketball Open Gym*--Mondays at 8:00pm. Cost is free. Contact Jason Hughes for more information.

Tomorrow's Choice Adopt-a-Family--We are looking for a couple sponsors from St. John's to adopt a family through Tomorrow's choice pregnancy counseling center. Please speak to one of the pastors.

Family #1: A mom with a 1-year-old daughter asked for a Kohl's gift card for herself, clothes or pajamas (18 month size), a baby doll or riding toy for the child

Family #2: Asked for a black jacket (medium size) for herself, and winter clothes for her 7 month old son (12-18 month size) or any toys for infants.

Gifts need to be wrapped and at St. John's by Wednesday, December 12th. Please speak to one of the pastors if you are willing to adopt one of this families.

WELS Connection--St. John's is privileged to be a part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a gathering of churches and ministries in 48 states and over 23 countries. **You can watch a monthly video update here:** <https://wels.net/news-media/wels-connection/>

Christmas for Kids--St. Paul's East Troy is hosting a "Christmas for Kids" event on Saturday, December 8th.

PreK-K 9:00-11:30 am

Grades 1-4 9:00-2:00 pm (includes lunch)

Activities include crafts, cookie decorating, games, movies, music, and free hot lunch for Grades 1-4. To register, please call 262-642-3200 no later than December 6th.

Free Item--A free piano is available to anyone who is interested. Please contact the church office for more details.

Basketball League--G-Squared basketball league is for kids ages 5-8 and held at Star of Bethlehem School in New Berlin. Each team has a practice and plays a game against another team each week. The entire experience is meant to help the kids have fun and grow in their God-given abilities while learning that they give God glory in whatever they do. Sign up soon as space is very limited. Flyers available in the church office.

WISH LIST--This list of items would benefit the ministry at St. John's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item (above and beyond your regular offerings), clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List" and include the item title.

Item	Estimated Cost	Received	Still Needed
New Furnishings for the Church Entryway	\$3000		\$3000
Preschool Needs (Art Easels and Outdoor Play Items)	\$3000	\$810	\$2190