

St. John's
Lutheran Church
Norfolk, Nebraska



First Sunday of Christmas
December 28
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St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA

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1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18 Brenda Carhart

2nd Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Xander Bonilla

3rd Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Penny Pedersen

4th Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Jeff Erwin

5th Reading: Luke 2:8-20 Jamie Bonilla

6th Reading: Matthew 2:1-11 Brian Nissen

7th Reading: John 1:1-14 John Skogstoe

Hymns for Sunday 9:30 AM

Joy to the World, ELW #267, Verses 1, 2, 4

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, ELW #282, Verses 1, 2, 4

O Little Town of Bethlehem, ELW #279, Verses 1, 3, 4

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, ELW #272, Verses 1, 2, 4

Away in a Manager, ELW #277, Verses 1, 2, 3

Angels From the Realms of Glory, ELW #275, Verses 1, 2, 4

What Child is This, ELW #296, Verses 1, 2, 3

Of the Father's Love Begotten, WLE #295, Verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Angels We Have Heard on High, ELW #289, Verses 1, 2, 3

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Del Fuelberth

Bill Schroeder

Jerry Fiedler

Tyrone Uhler

Zella Dederman

Richard Juracek

Stacie Schutte

Kevin Rasmussen

Sue Gubbrud

Judy Denkinger

Phil Sykes

Karmon Lienemann

Bob Frady

Brian Matthies

Zander Barr

Harold Rosebaum

Beth Garvin

Rhonda Thompson

Carol Timperley

Janet Farr

Keagan Sullivan

Jerry Berney

Ann Schroeder

Lexi Rivera

Dan Timperley

Mary Rover

Altar Flowers for this weekend sponsored by:

Bill & Jodi Whitten – Birthday blessings for Bill, Katlinn and Huston,
and

Nancy Schwertley – Thankful for my many blessings.

****if you would like the flowers you sponsored, please pick them up on Monday or call the office to make arrangements. Otherwise, we will have them delivered to home-bound or facility members. Thank you!**

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, December 29

Church and Office Closed

7:00pm.....Solid Rock

TUESDAY, December 30

Church and Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 31

Church and Office Closed

THURSDAY, January 1

Church and Office Closed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

FRIDAY, January 2

Church and Office.....Open

SATURDAY, January 3

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

SUNDAY, January 4

8:30am.....Festival Worship

11:00am.....Celebration Worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNDAY SCHOOL?

We will resume on January 11th. Please join us in January as we spend several weeks learning about the Fruits of the Spirit! Can you guess which fruit we will be sampling each week?



January 11, 2026
Financial Forum
between services

January 18, 2026
Annual Meeting
and Potluck

There is a basket on the back table with mailing labels for Get Well Wishes for Carol Waggoner. Please share good wishes with her.

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
17500 Burke St
Omaha, NE 68118
Attn: Carol Waggoner

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, December 27, 5:00pm

No Service.

Sunday, December 27, 9:30am

Council- Brian Nissen, Usher- , Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Barb Adams & Carol Sorsen

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 3, 5:00pm

Council- , Reader-JoAnn Spence, Usher-

, Greeter-

Sunday, January 4, 8:30am

Council- , Usher- , Greeter-

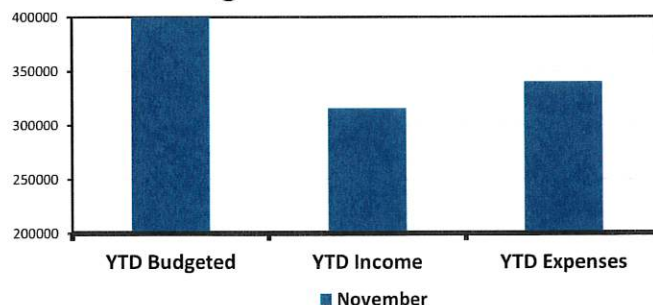
Coffee Hosts:

Sunday, January 4, 11:00am

Council, Comm Assist-Adam Bloomquist, Usher-

Reader- Greeter-

Progress on our Mission



Weekly Offerings Received 12/21/25.....\$11,656
Attendance 12/21/25.....34, 48, 38 = 120
Year-To-Date (Actual).....\$(24,853.59)

There will be no Bible Study Classes Sunday, December 28th or Sunday, January 4th.

PLEASE NOTE:

The church and office will be closed
December 29-January 1.

It will be open on Friday, January 2nd.

DID YOU KNOW: If you are over 73 you must take "Required Minimum Distributions" (RMD's) from your tax-deferred account (IRA, 401 K, retirement plans, etc.). Donations to the church from your RMD help the mission of the church and can reduce your taxes. RMD's are taxed as income and can push you into a higher income tax bracket. However, qualified charitable contributions given directly from your retirement account to the church are not taxed and can "count" as part or all of your RMD. You can use this strategy even if you use the standard deductions for your income taxes. If you are interested, talk to your investment adviser, or call Peggy Miller (St. John's treasurer and member) at 402-649-8307 for more information. As always, your Stewardship Committee thanks you for your help doing the Lord's work.

Change for Change

The Change for Change will be for the Coats for Kids project.

Thank you so much everyone

REMINDER: Please fill out the "ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION" notepads in the pews. It is appreciated. Thanks!

St. John's Call Committee.

Your call committee continues to be in regular contact with our synod representative regarding our search for a full time Pastor. At this time there are many congregations in the synod that are in the process of searching, and a real shortage of qualified candidates. In some cases searches are taking up to two years or more. Some churches find themselves conducting lay led services or regularly calling on PMAs to assist them. Praise God for Pastors Jim and Kathleen. Their leadership and commitment during our time of transition have truly been a Godsend. Please continue to pray for our committee, council, and congregation as we move forward through the call process. Keep in mind that God is in control and he will lead us on our journey.

St. John's Call Committee

Dan Pecka, Kristi Booras, Roger Echtenkamp, Jeff Erwin,
Cathy Erwin, Stacie Wolfe

Weekly Altar Flowers

Due to rising costs from the suppliers, the price of altar flowers will be increasing after the first of the year. The price is changing from \$15 per vase to \$20 per vase. No delivery fees are charged. Billing statements will still be sent out, and payments still made to St. John's Lutheran Church.