

St. John's
Lutheran Church
Norfolk, Nebraska



Second Sunday of Advent
December 6-7
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Second Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 1:1-5 (NRSV), Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16, Luke 1:46b-55

Hymns for Saturday & Sunday 8:30 AM (Saturday services sings only verses 1 & 2)

#408 Come, Thou Almighty King, Verses 1, 2, 3

#262 Wait for the Lord (3 times)

Hallelujah Advent Carol: *Words © By James Splitt November 2025 - Based on Isaiah 9:6.*

Music: © 1984 Leonard Cohen Stranger Music, Inc. USA

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Verses 1, 2, 4

Songs for Sunday 11:00 AM

#257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Verses 5-6

#257 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Verses 7-8

Hallelujah Advent Carol: *Words © By James Splitt November 2025 - Based on Isaiah 9:6.*

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Jesus' Name Above All Names

The Magnificat

God With Us

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

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 Schroeder and Robin Sperl in honor of our parents,
and
Jana Kuhlman-thankful for the many blessings in 2025.**

****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 8

1:15pm.....Chosen Christcare
7:00pm.....Solid Rock

TUESDAY, December 9

5:15pm.....Finance/Legacy Committee
6:00pm.....Executive Board

WEDNESDAY, December 10

10:00am.....Homestead Worship/Comm

THURSDAY, December 11

7:00am.....Text Study
10:00am.....Text Study
1:15pm.....St Joe's Worship/Comm

SATURDAY, December 13

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

SUNDAY, December 14

9:00am.....Coffee Hour
10:00am.....Worship and Sunday School Program

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th for St. John's Sunday School Christmas program! Kids in pre-k through 8th grade will be presenting "Christmas Cookies - Ingredients of a Sweet Christmas". The program will start at the combined 10:00 a.m. service, with pizza, cocoa, and cookies to follow in the fellowship hall! Please come and support our Sunday School kids and all of their hard work!

Join us for a

Shocked Christmas

We will be going out to shop for Toys for Tots, then returning to the church for pizza & cookie decorating.

December 7th at 4:30p-7:00p
Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to Jamie @ 402-750-5458

*We'll also be discussing future Shocked events, so come with ideas!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, December 6, 5:00pm

Council-Doug Holmberg, Reader-JoAnn Spence,
Ushers-Rod & Shirley Hughes, Greeters-

Sunday, December 7, 8:30am

Council, Usher-Jamie Bonilla, Reader, Comm Assistant-Brenda Carhart, Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Denny & Lois Braesch

Sunday, December 7, 11:00am

Council, Usher-Adam Bloomquist, Reader-Lisa Echtenkamp,

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 13, 5:00pm

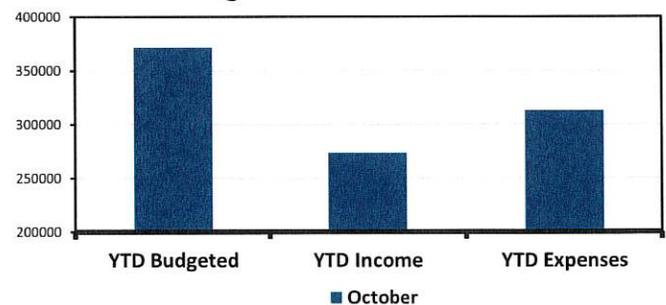
Council, Reader-JoAnn Spence, Ushers-Rod & Shirley Hughes, Greeters-

Sunday, December 14, 10:00am

Council- Usher- Reader- Greeter-

Coffee Hosts:

Progress on our Mission



Weekly Offerings Received 11/30/25.....\$6,095
Attendance 11/30/25.....16, 32, 31 = 79
Year-To-Date (Actual).....\$(38,446.74)

This Sunday's Bible Study class will be on the "Almighty God". It will be 9:50am – 10:30am in the Chapel.

The sign up sheet for Christmas pointsettias is in the back of the church. The poinsettias are \$17. Please sign up or call the office if you would like one.



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



We are participating in **Warmth, Peace, and Pajamas** for Salvation Army. They are accepting new pajamas of any size infant-adult, socks, hats, mittens, scarfs, gloves,

or any donations now **through Dec 10th**. Place items beneath the tree in back of church, or bring them to the church office. We are answering prayers for warmth.

HOLIDAY SERVICE DATES

December 20-21

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM with Coffee Hour between services

December 24-Christmas Eve

ONE SERVICE at 5:30 PM. No Christmas Day services.

December 27-28

NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 9:30 AM – Lessons and Carols

Change for Change

For the month of December Change for Change will be for holiday meals for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Thank you so much everyone

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

January 11, 2026
Financial Forum
between services

January 18, 2026
Annual Meeting
and Potluck



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.