

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING**

**SUNDAY December 21st**

7:45 Worship H/C  
9:00 Education Hour  
10:15 Worship H/C

**MONDAY December 22nd**

No School until January 5th

**TUESDAY December 23rd**

**WEDNESDAY December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

3:00 Worship H/C  
6:30 Children's Program  
10:00 Candlelight Worship H/C

**THURSDAY December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**  
9:00 Worship H/C

**FRIDAY December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY December 27th**

**SUNDAY December 28th**

7:45 Worship H/C  
9:00 Education Hour  
10:15 Worship H/C

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN PRAYER**  
Marlys Zemke-Wellington Place Assisted Living



**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK  
IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

**ELDERS FOR DECEMBER**

Lyle Juedes, John Christensen, Rick Borchardt

**ALTAR GUILD FOR DECEMBER**

Bryan & Peggy Piepenburg

**USHERS THIS WEEKEND**

Kyle Borchardt~ 7:45  
Sean & Seth Baumann

Steve & Carol Kunze~ 10:15  
Luke Walters, Ashley Borchardt

**ACOLYTES THIS WEEKEND**

Addison Marten~7:45  
Parker Rogalla~10:15  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM~ Annabelle Marquardt  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM~ Finley Schlund

**CLEANING TEAM**

December 14<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>—Kris Pahl

A cry room is located by the choir loft steps.

***Happy Birthday this week to:***

Marcia Habeck (12/22)  
Joshua Opper (12/26))  
Raelyn Jome (12/27)  
Bryce Schalow (12/27)



***Happy Anniversary this week to:***

Clifford & Kristine Pahl (12/26)



God's Blessings on your special day!

**The Week December 21st-December 28th  
2025**

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday –Thursday 9:00 AM– 2:00 PM

**School Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM-3:00 PM

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**Our Mission Statement**

“St. John Lutheran Church and School is dedicated to worship, love, teach, reach out and care through the love of Christ Jesus.”

<b>ATTENDANCE REPORT</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Thursday, December 11th	14	55
Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	108	113

**OFFERING LAST WEEK**

Envelope & Plate  
Week of December 14th, 2025 \$3620.00  
Tuition-\$1056.00 Extended Care-\$ .00  
Debt Reduction (To pay Line of Credit Only)-\$.00  
Line of Credit this week-\$ .00  
Expenses paid this week-\$  
Payroll paid this week-\$

**Electronic Giving for week of December 14th**  
General Fund-\$1265.00

**St. John Holiday Worship Schedule**

Wednesday 12/24 – 3 PM Christmas Eve Worship  
Wednesday 12/24 – 6:30 PM Children’s Program  
Wednesday 12/24 – 10 PM Candlelight Worship  
Thursday 12/25 – 9 AM Christmas Day Worship  
Wednesday 12/31 – 7 PM New Year’s Eve Worship  
Thursday 1/1 – No Worship Service  
\*All Worship Services include Holy Communion

**Memorials received this week:** In memory of Marvin Matthiae from Shirley Zahrt, Roger & Bev Tesch and Wayne & Lucy Syring.

**Sunday school** will not meet on December 21 or December 28 during Christmas break.

**If anyone would like Portals of Prayer** or My Devotion (young kids’ devotion booklet), the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Sign up for next year is needed by December 27th. The first copy you would receive is in April 2026. These devotions are free of charge because of the generosity of Adult Fellowship.

**WSAW Share Your Holidays** now through December 29<sup>th</sup>. Every dollar you give becomes two, 100% of the proceed go to: The Salvation Army, The Neighbors Place and Peyton’s Promise. Monetary donations made to Share Your Holidays will be doubled up to \$85,000, thanks to our generous sponsors: The Dudley Foundation, The Miller-Halvorsen Family, The B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation, The MacDonald Foundation and IncredibleBank. Food donations can be dropped off at WSAW studios, located at 1114 Grand Ave. Checks can mail to us made out to ‘Share Your Holidays’, or go to WSAW website

**The Women’s Bible study** on Esther will restart on Sunday January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Missions and Ministry Room. The Tuesday group will meet Jan 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Missions and Ministry Room. We will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday and Tuesday of the months January, February and March.

**St. John Ladies Aid 100 years old:** St. John Ladies Aid charter date December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915, by Rev. J Nau. Minutes were written in German until 1932, there were 45 members. Some things the Ladies Aid did over the years, 1932 painted and varnished woodwork and walls. Henry Gums did this for \$160.00 dollars, including paint and second cost of paint for \$55.00. In May bought electric candles for the Church. December project sent chickens to Bethesda Lutheran home in Watertown. Gave Rev. Nau Christmas gift of \$10.00, he gave

\$5.00 back. In 1933 the Ladies Aid bought a cord of wood for \$15.00. March 1934, sent 115 dozen eggs to Concordia College for \$1.65 in Milwaukee. June 1934 loaned Walther League for \$50.00 for 1 1/2 years at 3% interest to complete their beautification project. Loaned them \$35.00 for a total of \$85.00. July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1934, Special meeting to buy 5 gallons of ice cream and a quarter barrel of beer for picnic for which they took a collection. Bought tar paper for the floor in the meeting room at school and a cook stove. German and English was read by Pastor Nau at meetings and Bible Study. LWML project sent 8 boxes of clothes to orphanages in Finland and Germany. In 1948 installed linen closet and tiling in the parsonage. Sent dish towels to Camp Luther. Purchased a water pail and dipper to be used by societies. They had a white elephant sale which made \$96.00. In 1948 balance on hand was \$1418.59. In 1944 the church had 23 boys in the military and they sent gifts. In 1952 Ladies Aid paid for a new organ & dishes for new Church. In 1954 ladies were exempt from serving, they could serve if they wish to. In 1953 Mrs. Harold Zimmermann donated a gas range to the Ladies Aid. In 1952 they had a rally, menu was noodle chicken bake dish, 309 chickens, 16 heads of cabbage, each member brought a cake, 24 dozen rolls, jelly carrot sticks and pickles. September 1953 served a chicken dinner with dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, cabbage salad, sliced tomatoes, rolls, nut bread, apple pie, cheese, coffee & milk, \$1.50 for adults, .75 for 6-14 year olds, .25 for small children. 1963-64 they bought desks for teacher and children at school. For their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary they had a catered meal for \$1.50 per person, Hildegard Schoesau made it. Walther League served and cleaned up. Pastor Nau was the guest speaker. In 1971 bought a file cabinet, carpet for Church and isles for \$2200.00. In 1972 they bought 2 new stoves for the kitchen and shrubs for in the front of Church.



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**Thank you to everyone** who helped with the Shopping Mall and anyone who donated items to sell. The School children enjoyed buying gifts for their loved ones. We raised \$1100.00 for field trips & admissions. Thank you again for making this event a great success! Gerry & Mary Marquardt and Steve & Carol Kunze

