

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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*Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for*

## December 23, 2018 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday Bible Study:** December 23 is the last Sunday in the first semester of Bible Classes. Today we conclude the C-18 class on evangelism. There will be no Sunday morning Bible classes or Sunday School on December 30. All Sunday classes will resume in the second semester on January 6.

**Poinsettias:** The poinsettias that beautify our church this Christmas season are placed there to the glory of Christ our Savior and given by: the **Baker family** in memory of Slade Baker; the **Hensgen/Barnard** families in memory of Robert Fiegel, Dorothy Hensgen, & Bernard Hensgen; **Sharon Lorfeld** in memory of her husband Dale; **Bob & Sue Musgrave** in memory of Hubert & Treva Rauch; **Joyce Rouce** in memory of her husband, Larry Rouce, and her parents, Herb & Mildred Schulz; **Craig & Dawn Soeth** family in memory of their son, Aaron John Soeth, and Dawn's mother, Aileen "Joyce" Bateman; **Paul & Tracy Warick** in memory of Anita Wolski; **Bob & Kim Friedel** in memory of their parents; and the **Voss family** in memory of Ralph Voss and Christine Newton.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone who helped to beautify the church for our Christmas worship season. Your help is always appreciated!

**Sunday Treats Thank You:** Thank you to the following people who provided Sunday morning treats for the Bible class hour this past semester: Jane Fons, Musgraves, Callieses, Edmundsons, Sarah Seelow and Links, Senior Choir, Dutchers, Averys and any others not listed. We appreciate your generosity. A new signup sheet is available for the next semester.

**Offering Envelopes:** Offering envelopes for 2019 are ready to be picked up. You can find them in your church mailbox or in the meeting room. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the church office.

**Shoreland Lutheran High School Open House:** Please join us Wednesday, January 16, from 6:00—8:00 pm to learn more about how SLHS educates, equips and encourages students for lives of Christian service.

**"Night to Shine" Help Needed:** Night to Shine, a Tim Tebow Foundation sponsored prom for people with special needs, is Friday February 8, 2019 at Shoreland Lutheran High School. As they begin preparations, they are asking for your prompt response if you'd like to volunteer for this fantastic event. Please do so by filling out the volunteer form at [tinyurl.com/SignMeUpNTS](http://tinyurl.com/SignMeUpNTS) or by calling the SLHS office at 262-859-2595.

**Seasonal Church Decorating Décor Thank You:** A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our move towards reusable décor. The poinsettias will make a wonderful display year after year. Thank you also to everyone who has made a monetary contribution. It will be helpful in creating beautiful reusable displays for each season.

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church and school offices will be open limited hours during the Christmas break. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Kirk Lahmann (262-210-2018) or Pastor Daniel Waldschmidt (262-336-9627). Regular office hours resume Thursday, January 3, 2019.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study will not meet on December 26 or January 2. Classes will resume on January 9.

**Invitation Cards:** Want a handy little tool to help you invite friends and neighbors to worship, or tell them about our school? The Outreach Team has produced small "invitation cards" for just this purpose. One side gives church and worship information, the other side gives school information. Very handy and very helpful. Pick a few up from the basket in the narthex and put them to good use!

**Forward in Christ:** Do you know what "Forward in Christ" is? It's our synod's monthly magazine, filled with encouraging editorials, doctrinal commentaries, and practical, gospel-centered articles. All members of St. John's should consider subscribing. It's well worth the \$12 annual subscription. You can even subscribe through our church—just talk to the church office for details. Make *Forward in Christ* a part of your 2019. It will certainly be a blessing to you!

**International Student Hosting:** St. John's is looking for host families for international students. We currently have one international student with others joining us in January 2019. If you are able to host or have any questions about hosting, please contact Chris Avery at [principal@stjohnsburlington.org](mailto:principal@stjohnsburlington.org) or 262-818-3224.

**Plan Your Mission Journey:** WELS Mission Journeys, the official WELS program for short-term mission trips, provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission. Through church or school based volunteer trips to WELS mission fields at home and abroad, members have the opportunity to engage in Christian service. With the Lord's blessing, these trips will inspire a lifelong journey of service and outreach for all who volunteer. Want to learn more about how you can get involved? Visit [wels.net/missionjourneys](http://wels.net/missionjourneys).

## Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Worship Opportunities

Monday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	6:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	9:30 am
Sunday, Dec. 30	First Sunday After Christmas	8:00 & 10:30 am
Monday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service	6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 6	Epiphany	8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

**Four Branches Newsletter Article:** Check out the article written by Pastor Waldschmidt for the *Four Branches* December 2018 newsletter. You can find it by visiting the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary website at this link: <https://www.wls.wels.net/four-branches-december-2018/>

**Parents of Eighth Graders:** Shoreland Lutheran High School is accepting admission applications for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to apply, the online application can be found at <http://mytads.com/a/shoreland> or click on "Apply Now" on Shoreland's website, [slhs.us](http://slhs.us). Current Shoreland students will be emailed a link after January 1, 2019 to enroll.

**Taste & See Shoreland Dinner:** Taste of Shoreland dinner and live auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019. This is an important fundraiser to raise tuition assistance money for families that might not otherwise be able to afford a premier Christian education. If you would like to help with planning this night or if you have items to donate for the live auction and raffles, please contact the office at 262-859-2595.

### Events this Week

**Monday:** Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday:** Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am

### December 24—January 2, 2019

No School—Christmas Break

### Upcoming Events

**January 4:** Love, Inc. Meal site  
**January 8:** School Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
 Elder Meeting 6:30 pm  
**January 13:** Take down Christmas decorations 3:30 pm

### Counting Team for December 26: #4

Kim F., Rachel P., Bridget M., Regina B.

### Usher Teams for December 30: C & F; Dec. 31: D

### January Altar Guild: Laurie Jensen (763-3471) & Sue Scriver (939-5461)

*Please call one of the women listed if you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the flowers listed in the bulletin.*

### Budget Update For Week 25: December 18, 2018

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	12,204	10,212	1,992	247,160	255,300	(8,140)	531,000
Debt Reduction				3,567			
Capital Projects	1,125			31,656			
WELS	578	622	(45)	16,975	15,560	1,415	32,365
Shoreland	328	645	(318)	16,224	16,127	97	33,545

### St. John's Sunday School & Bible Studies

	Sunday School for Kids	Adult Sunday School	Adult Bible Class	FYSH (High School) Bible Class
<b>Today (12/23)</b>	The Birth of John Luke 1:57-80	Led by Gabe Malliet	C-18-To the Ends of the Earth	Very Important Chapters of the Bible
<b>Next Week (12/30)</b>	<b>NO CLASS—CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>			

#### How to Contact Your Staff

**Pastor Kirk Lahmann** / 262-210-2018 / [pastorlahmann@stjohnsburlington.org](mailto:pastorlahmann@stjohnsburlington.org)  
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#### OUR MISSION:

*St. John's Lutheran Church exists to BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST so that we might know Christ and make Him known.*