

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 30, 2018 — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday Bible Study: Sunday Bible classes will resume on January 6 as we start the second semester of Bible studies. Sunday School for children and adults will resume. Pastor Lahmann will teach the Adult Bible class, returning to the Gospel of John. FYSH classes (for high school students), Nursery Care (for infants and toddlers), and membership classes will start up on January 6, as well. Be sure to make Sunday Bible class a regular routine for your family in 2019!

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 Rouse** in memory of her husband, Larry Rouse, 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.

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 or by calling the SLHS office at 262-859-2595.

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.

Calendar: The January birthday and anniversary calendar is available on the back table.

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 or 262-818-3224.

Christmas Decorating Clean-up: The public school confirmation class will be helping to clean up the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 13 starting at 3:30 pm. The decorating committee would like to also invite church members to help with decoration clean-up. Please consider helping out to make quick work of this task.

Love, Inc. Meal Site: On Friday, January 4, it is St. John's turn to host the meal which is served at Love, Inc. to those in need in the Burlington community. If you can donate or prepare food or help serve, please contact our meal coordinator, Loralyn Schalinske (262-800-3189).

WELS App Available: Nearly 20,000 people have downloaded the WELS app to their phone or tablet to access daily devotions, WELS Missions Blogs, synod news, and more. Get the app for free by going to wels.app in your devices web browser and "add to home screen" using your devices method.

Pathways to Christ Retreat: Women of the congregation are invited to attend the 19th annual WELS Pathways to Christ Retreat on March 8-10, 2019 at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. More information can be found at the website www.pathwaystochrist.org or on the table in the church entryway.

New Year's and Epiphany Worship Opportunities

Monday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service with Communion	6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 6	Epiphany Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

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. 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.

The entire church & school staff at St. John's would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas & New Year.



Events this Week

Monday: New Year's Eve Worship 6:30 pm
Thursday: Classes Resume
Friday: School Chapel 8:10 am
 Love, Inc. Meal Site

December 24—January 2, 2019

No School—Christmas Break

Upcoming Events

January 8: Coffee with the Principal 8:10 am
 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 Elder Meeting 6:30 pm
January 13: Take down Christmas decorations 3:30 pm

Counting Team for December 31: #5

Kris F., Fred & Sharon S., Sharon L.

Usher Teams for January 6: D & G

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 26: December 25, 2018

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	16,757	10,212	6,545	264,042	265,512	(1,470)	531,000
Debt Reduction				3,567			
Capital Projects	7,125			38,781			
WELS	676	622	54	17,650	16,183	1,467	32,365
Shoreland	611	645	(35)	16,834	16,773	61	33,545

St. John's Sunday School & Bible Studies

	Sunday School for Kids	Adult Sunday School	Adult Bible Class	FYSH (High School) Bible Class
Today (12/30)	NO CLASS—CHRISTMAS BREAK			
Next Week (1/6)	The Visit of the Wise Men Matthew 2	Led by Jeff Neumann	The Gospel of John	Very Important Chapters of the Bible

How to Contact Your Staff

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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.