

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for

January 13, 2019 — THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Pastoral Conference: On Tuesday, January 15, the pastors of the Shoreland Conference are holding their winter meeting here at St. John's. The meeting begins with an opening worship service, with Holy Communion, at 9:00 am, which the congregation is invited to attend.

Sunday Bible Study: We have begun the second semester of Bible studies with Sunday School for children and Bible studies for adults and teens. 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 are held, as well. Be sure to make Sunday Bible class a regular routine for your family in 2019!

Sunday Treats: Our congregation enjoys coffee and treats on Sunday mornings during the Bible class hour. Sometimes we have donuts from Gooseberries. More often, volunteers provide treats, and we are always looking for more volunteers. If your family (perhaps teaming with another family) is willing to provide Sunday morning treats, there is a sign-up sheet to do so across from the school work room.

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.

Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes for 2019 are in your church mailbox. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the church office.

Mailbox Reorganizing: The church mailboxes have been reorganized to include our newest members of 2018. If your mailbox has been moved to an inconvenient location for you, please contact the church office and we will move it for you.

2018 Year End Contribution Statements: The 2018 year-end contribution statements have been placed in your church mailboxes. Please contact the church office if you have not received one or have any questions.

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!

Strengthening Our Foundation Update: Thanks to the generosity of our church and school families, the Strengthening Our Foundation campaign is well on its way to obtaining the funds needed to complete the first of many planned capital projects. Prior to the summer heat and humidity, the Capital Projects Planning Group would like to replace the current non-functioning Church HVAC equipment and controls to improve energy efficiency, provide better overall air quality, and decrease monthly expenditures.

As of January 8, \$54,000 has been contributed towards the overhaul of the church HVAC system. Although \$21,000 is still needed to initiate the first project, the offerings given to date are a great start, and will richly bless our congregation. To God be the Glory!

Going forward, special offering envelopes will be placed in the church mailboxes each month. In addition, extra envelopes are available in the school office and on the Strengthening Our Foundation information table in the church entryway. Continue to prayerfully consider how you may be able to assist with funding these important and necessary facility upgrades for our church and school. Thank you!

St. John's Offers Electronic Giving: Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account? St. John's offers electronic giving for those who wish to have their offering contributions transferred electronically to our account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Forms can be found on our church website under "Support St. John's" or on the table in the church entryway. Completed forms should be turned in to 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.

SLHS Offers Babysitting Night: On Jan. 19, Shoreland's HOSA (Future Health Professionals) will be hosting a babysitting night from 5:30-9:00 pm at Shoreland Lutheran High School. Cost for one child \$10, two children for \$18 and three or more, \$8 each. Proceeds will go to help find a cure for pediatric cancer. Please RSVP with number of children attending to senior HOSA member, Jady James at jadyjames23@gmail.com

WELS Retreats: Both men & women have the opportunity to attend upcoming WELS retreats:

MEN: "Men of His Word" Christian Conference on February 9 at the Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center in Oshkosh. Visit www.menofhisword.org for details & registration.

WOMEN: "Pathways to Christ" Retreat on March 8-10 at Hawthorn Inn & La Sure's Hall, Oshkosh. Visit www.martinlutheroshkosh.com for details & registration.

"Christian Woman Today" Retreat, March 15-17 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, Brookfield, WI, sponsored by Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Brookfield. Visit ChristianWomanToday.org for retreat information & registration details.

If you don't have internet access, contact the church office for information.

Events this Week

- Monday:** Worship Service 6:30 pm
- Tuesday:** Pastors' Conference 8:30 am
St. John's Women's Ministries 6:30 pm
Elder Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wednesday:** Morning Bible Study 8:45 am
Senior Choir 7:00 pm
- Thursday:** Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
- Friday:** School Chapel 8:10 am

Upcoming Events

- January 23:** No School—Teacher In-Service
- February 24:** Congregational Meeting 9:00 am
- March 4:** Voters' Meeting 7:45 pm

Counting Team for January 14: #2

Brenda M., Pam K., Heather W., Joette M.

Usher Teams for January 20: C & F

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 28: January 8, 2019

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	10,832	10,212	620	285,063	285,936	(873)	531,000
Debt Reduction	115			3,734			
Capital Projects	1,175			54,027			
WELS	754	622	132	19,091	17,427	1,664	32,365
Shoreland	720	645	75	18,296	18,063	233	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 (1/13)	The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-20	Led by Jeff Fischer	The Gospel of John	Proverbs
Next Week (1/20)	The Presentation of Jesus Luke 2:22-40	Led by Chris Avery	The Gospel of John	Proverbs

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.