



***Saved by Grace ~ Led by the Spirit ~ Called to Serve***

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**Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**November 15, 2020**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

***INDOOR WORSHIP*** We are limited to 50 worshipers, **please call the church office (608.291.4311) to reserve your spot by Thursday noon.**



Masks are required, if you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. Steps will be taken to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus: Enter only from the North entrance area use the Handicap entrance, opening it with your elbow. Your temperature will be taken at the door; hand sanitizer will be available and use is encouraged; seating will be by family units or single individuals. If you have items in the coat closet, you may exit the way you came in, otherwise exit from the Friendship Room directly to the outside. You are encouraged to continue bringing your own communion elements. Church building use will be limited during the worship service. Restrooms by elevator will be available. Please note, these steps are ever changing.

**ONLINE WORSHIP** is also available if you don't feel comfortable attending indoor Worship. Please join us for worship pre-recorded via our [YouTube channel](#) at 9:00 a.m. As always, look for the link for the online service in your email! The in-person service is live-streamed on [Facebook](#).

**INDOOR WORSHIP RESERVATIONS** can be made ahead for the entire months of November and December. Call the church 291.4311 or sign up one week in advance when you check in each Sunday. Please contact the church office by Thursday noon if you need to cancel your reservation.

**Readings for Sunday, November 15**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

**Psalms:** 90:1-12

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Altar Care for November**

Marla Byerly, Nell Mittelsteadt, Barb Daane

**SERVING THIS WEEK:**

**Door:** *Use an elbow to open the Handicap entrance*

**Welcome Desk/Check in:** Marla Byerly

**Readers:** Ethan Johnson (online and in person services)

**Special Music:** Aaron Johnson and Ondra Williams



The Champion family in memory of Norman & Pauline Champion

***Please keep in your prayers:***

**Dwayne Linstroth**, Sandi Linstroth's brother-in-law, stage 4 mesothelioma. **Gail Meister** stage 4 bone cancer. **Scott Bourie's uncle** out of ICU, awaiting a follow-up Dr. appointment to determine the effectiveness of new medication.

Sheryl Lindmeier's Mom, **Darlene**, Covid. **Harper**, Laura McGoveran's granddaughter, Covid.



## ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **November 15 Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship (Online and in person)

10:00 AM Lefse Sale

6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

### **November 16, Monday**

6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting

7:30 PM Executive Team Meeting (Gathering Area)

6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

### **November 17, Tuesday**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry

11:00AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Chow & How (Gathering Area)

1:00 PM Altar Guild (Friendship)

### **November 18, Wednesday**

6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

### **November 19, Thursday**

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Oregon Area Food Pantry

### **November 20, Friday**

Church Office is Closed

**Newsletter Articles due by end of day**

### **November 22, Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship (Online and in person)

10:00 AM Lefse Sale

6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

## **2021 PLEDGE CARD REMINDER**

Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a part of God's mission here. Please return your pledge to the church office by November 20. Providing this information is so helpful in putting together the annual spending plan. Thank you!



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be available on-line only this year. It will be available November 25 midafternoon to watch when you want. A worship link will be emailed to you, and you will also find it on [St. John's You Tube Channel](#).

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** will be here before we know it, and this year we will be breaking all the "rules" and singing Christmas carols throughout the season of Advent, including opportunities for outdoor singing, since it is not safe indoors at this point. Plans are in the works to offer an outdoor activity around 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, and an Advent devotional each week with a take-home activity for children. Please stay tuned for more details as the day draws nearer!

## **BUILDING IMPROVEMENT TEAM UPDATE – NEW CROSS**

Construction continues to move along very well. As you've seen in the videos (which we'll now also post on the St. John's website), the chancel area is coming along very well, with flooring and tile almost complete. They've also begun to install the lights and the AV equipment. Carpeting is being laid this week.

In addition to the construction, we are also collaborating with a company called Design Fugitives, who specializes in art installations for religious institutions, to create an original, one-of-a-kind cross/crown installation for the new space. We will be breaking away from the Lutheran tradition of a vertical/horizontal cross design by choosing a conception that will give a new, fresh perspective of Jesus on the cross.

The cross will be a more abstract design, but when looked at straight on will be clearly recognizable as the shape of Jesus

on the cross. It will be made up of glass-like acrylic in clear, blue and white, similar to our stained-glass windows, with small bits of red to symbolize where Jesus's hands, feet and side were pierced and where the crown of thorns was placed on his head. One "hand" will be inviting the congregation to join in worship and the other will be blessing his people. At the heart, we'll have an eternal flame, to show that his love for us never wavers and is everlasting.

The cross will be suspended away from the wall, to reveal the empty wall behind it, representing the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Above the cross, around the lighting ring, will be a large crown made up of linear strands of acrylic in blues, greens, and clears, which echo the shape of the white lines in our stained-glass windows. This is meant to be both the crown of thorns and a crown of victory, reminding us that Jesus overcame death for our sake.

We are including a rough sketch of the design to help you imagine it more clearly. Once it's installed in the new space, we invite you to come and experience the new cross in person during service or on your own time (and of course, we'll share pictures in the announcements at that time as well).



## OFFERINGS REMINDER

Your continued financial giving is important to the health of our congregation, our synod, and the church at large – especially now. Your generosity is appreciated as we work together to continue our mission.

There are several easy ways for you to get offerings to St. John's:

- 1) **Mail** your offerings to the church office.
- 2) **Automatic Giving** - call the church office and leave a message for Shirley Schiffner. She will return your call and assist you in signing up for auto giving.
- 3) **Venmo** - [www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI](http://www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI)
- 4) It's also easy to [GIVE ONLINE HERE.](#)



The 2020 Christmas Red Kettle campaign is just around the corner. Ringing bells as a family is a wonderful Christmas tradition. It is a fun, easy and rewarding way to serve our community. One two-hour shift at the kettle generates an

average of \$120. This year we will offer a virtual kettle option for those worried about ringing in public. You can set up your own virtual kettle and have a friendly competition with friends and family. For everyone that has 130 people donate or raises \$1,300 they will be recognized in the 130 Club on the Salvation Army social media and website (130 Anniversary this year). You can sign up for in person ringing or virtual ringing at

<http://www.ringbellsdane.org>

## HOW CAN YOU VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?

**Step 1:** Log onto our website at [stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

**Step 2:** Click on the 'Watch Worship Services' wording, just under the purple St. John's logo. Here you'll find all the latest videos that have been posted. Double-click on the one you wish to watch. If you are having trouble, please contact the church office for assistance. **You can also go directly to St. John's YouTube Channel here:**

**[St. John's YouTube Channel](#)**

### *Host a Family 2020*



"The Family Ministry Team at St. John's has coordinated our participation in Host-a-Family for many years. This year, due to the pandemic, Host-a-Family is asking for monetary donations in lieu of gifts. That will enable Host-a-Family to purchase gift cards for families to safely purchase gifts for their children. If you are able, please consider making a **monetary donation**. There are two easy ways to donate:

1. You can **donate online** by going to website [www.hostafamily.org](http://www.hostafamily.org).

2. You can **mail a check** to: *Host a Family, Inc.*, P.O. Box 295, Stoughton, WI 53589. For a tax receipt, please include an email address to help save on postage.

### ***DO YOU NEED A HAND?***

Applications are available online: [www.hostafamily.org](http://www.hostafamily.org)

Recipients (17 and under) must live in the Stoughton, McFarland or Oregon School districts

## **Congregational Leadership & Staff**

**Interim Pastor:** *Rev. Naomi Garber*, [PastorNaomi@sjlserve.net](mailto:PastorNaomi@sjlserve.net)

**Director of Youth, Family & Education Ministries:**

Jen Kooistra, [JenK@sjlserve.net](mailto:JenK@sjlserve.net)

**Director of Worship & Music:**

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**Coordinator for Congregational Life:**

Laura McGoveran, [LauraM@sjlserve.net](mailto:LauraM@sjlserve.net)

**Financial Director:**

Shirley Schiffner, [ShirleyS@sjlserve.net](mailto:ShirleyS@sjlserve.net)

**Office Assistant:**

Barb Daane, [BarbD@sjlserve.net](mailto:BarbD@sjlserve.net)

**Audio Visual Operators:** David Klarich, and Carson Nott

**Nursery Attendant:** Beverly Brinkman

**Building Custodian:** Chris Staveness, [ChrisS@sjlserve.net](mailto:ChrisS@sjlserve.net)

## **Church Office Information**

**Hours:** 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

**Office Phone:** (608) 291-4311- please leave a message

**Emergency Phone:** The office voice mail recording provides emergency contact information.

**E-mail:** [Info@sjlserve.net](mailto:Info@sjlserve.net)

**Church Website:** [stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

## **St. John's Church Council Officers**

**President:** Kevin Oppermann, (414) 659-2676

**Vice-President:** Bob Lindmeier, (608) 469-6055

**Secretary:** Catherine Stang, (608) 835-2772

**Treasurer:** Mark W. Peterson, (608) 455-5011

## **St. John's Social Media**

**Website:** [stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

**Public Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

**Facebook Group for the Members of St. John's:**

[facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi](https://facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi)

**YouTube Channel:** [youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi](https://youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi](https://instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi)

**Questions?** Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at [sheryllindmeier@gmail.com](mailto:sheryllindmeier@gmail.com)

If you have submissions or questions in regards to the Weekly Announcement Bulletin, please contact the office at 608.291.4311 or email [barbd@sjlserve.net](mailto:barbd@sjlserve.net) by 4PM each Tuesday.