



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

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Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGES: due to the new Health Order by Governor Evers, we will be having **online services only through December 13**. We will keep you informed of further changes.

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!



SERVING THIS WEEK:

Reader: Claire Johnson

Special Music: Dan & Sherryl Cobb and Ondra Williams

Readings for Sunday, November 15

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms: 95:1-7a

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Altar Care for November

Marla Byerly, Nell Mittelsteadt, Barb Daane



Marla Byerly, in memory of her husband,
Walter

Please keep in your prayers:

Ann Morris ALS. Gail Meister
stage 4 bone cancer. Sheryl
Lindmeier's Mom, **Darlene,**
Covid.



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 22 Sunday

9:00AM Worship (**ONLINE ONLY**)

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

November 23, Monday

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Council Meeting

November 24, Tuesday

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

10:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 27, Friday

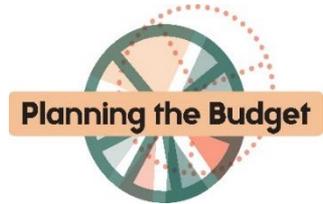
Church Office is Closed

November 29, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship (**ONLINE ONLY**)

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!



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 25

- 6:30pm, Online

Advent Sundays (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13)

- 9:00am - Online Only

- 9:45am - Outdoor Advent Experience at St. John's

Stay tuned for the remaining Holiday worship schedule.

OUTDOOR ADVENT EXPERIENCE There will be an outdoor activity at 9:45 a.m. on Advent Sundays, starting Sunday November 29. We'll have an Advent devotional each week, with a take-home activity for children. Please stay tuned for more details as the day draws nearer!

The online service is a shortened service so you can attend the Advent devotional at the church.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be available on-line only this year. It will be available November 25, 6:30 PM. A worship link will be emailed to you, and you will also find it on [St. John's You Tube Channel](#).

**ST. JOHN'S FOOD DRIVE
OREGON FOOD PANTRY
2500 LBS BY DECEMBER 25**



Drop off your food items at St. John's Monday through Thursday 8-4. Help us reach our 2500 lb. goal – We're already at 150 lbs.!

ALL THE LEFSE HAS BEEN SOLD!! Thanks Karen and your crew. We're already looking forward to more next year.

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

Step 1: Log onto our website at 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](#)



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>

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
- 4) It's also easy to [GIVE ONLINE HERE](#).

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).

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.
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

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

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Nursery Attendant: Beverly Brinkman

Building Custodian: Chris Staveness, 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

Church Website: 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

Public Facebook Page: facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi

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

facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi

YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi

Twitter: twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Instagram: instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Questions? Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at 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 by 4PM each Tuesday.