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**Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE:** 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!

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**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.*



**Readings for Sunday, November 29**

**Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

## **SERVING THIS WEEK:**

**Reader:** Liam Nott

**Special Music:** Ondra Williams

## **Altar Care for November**

Marla Byerly, Nell Mittelsteadt, Barb Daane

*Please keep in your prayers:* **Ann Morris**  
ALS. Sheryl Lindmeier's Mom, **Darlene**,  
Covid.



## **THE SOLAR ARRAY IS OPERATIONAL!**

Three years ago your Care for Creation team started an evaluation to see if solar would be a viable option for St John's. This long journey is finally at its conclusion. I'm happy to report the 29 kW DC rooftop solar array,

consisting of 80 modules, is now operational and converting energy from the sun into electricity that is directly used by



our facility. Our future electricity costs will be reduced approximately 26%. We have completed the single most impactful effort a church can undertake to reduce its carbon footprint! The installation was completed by Full Spectrum Solar, at a cost of \$56,398. Grants totaling \$19,488 brought the system cost to \$36,910.

In order to take advantage of a 30% federal tax credit not applicable to non-profits, we arranged to have a tax sponsor take on the remaining cost. St. Johns will pay the tax sponsor quarterly, equivalent to the electrical savings generated by the array.

To maximize long term savings, the goal is to buy-out the tax sponsor after six years. The remaining balance due, in order to take over total ownership, will be approximately \$20,000. By following this plan it



is estimated that the church will realize a net savings of \$95,000 over the next 25 years. Keep in mind that we do not have to exercise the buy-out option after year six, but it is most financially advantageous to perform the buy-out at that time.

It is the hope of your Care for Creation team that the congregation will cover the \$20K through donations. Seventeen "solar families" donating \$200 annually will reach our goal. So far six families have signed up. We are looking for eleven more. Please prayerfully consider becoming a solar family! You can contact myself, Alan Lukazewski, or Rona Lukazewski if you're interested.

- Bob Lindmeier



## **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.)



## 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.! Some current needs are:

Diced tomatoes

Tomato sauce

Pasta sauce (PLASTIC bottles only please)

Ramen noodles

Canned veggies (corn, peas, green beans)

Hamburger helper

Noodle or rice side packets

Meals in a Can (ravioli, spaghetti, etc)

### *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 FROM HOST-A-FAMILY?***

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.

**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\*\*](#).



## **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**  
[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **November 29, Sunday**

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

9:45AM Advent Outdoor Experience

## **December 1, Tuesday**

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

10:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

## **December 2, Wednesday**

6:00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

7:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class (Online)

## **December 4, Friday**

Church Office is Closed

## **December 6, Sunday**

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

9:45AM Advent Outdoor Experience

6:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class (Online)



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If you have any 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.

## **Congregational Leadership & Staff**

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

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**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)

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