



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

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Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE: Due to the Health Order by Governor Evers and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally, we will have **online worship services through December 20**. We will keep you informed of further changes. Please join us for our recorded worship via our [YouTube channel](#) at 9:00 a.m. As always, look for the link for the online service in your email!

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP SERVICE is also available to view on Oregon Cable Access every Sunday morning at 9:00AM on Village channel 983, or TDS channel 1019.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:



Advent Sundays (through Dec. 20)

- 9:00am - Online Only
- 10:00am - Outdoor Advent Experience at St. John's

Christmas Eve Day

- 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 & 4:30pm – Outdoor Nativity Scene Experience
- 5:00pm – Online Christmas Worship

Readings for Sunday, December 13

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Reader: Scott Bourie

Special Music: Ryan Anderson, Liam & Michael Nott, and Ondra Williams

Altar Flowers: Given by Tom & Sally Mueller in honor of their children & grandchildren.

Altar Care for December

Nell Mittelsteadt, Barb Daane, Sandi Linstroth, Brenda Cuta



Please keep in your prayers: Ann Morris ALS. Sheryl Lindmeier's Mom, Darlene, Covid-19.

90th BIRTHDAY! You are invited to send birthday wishes to Fred Sage, as he turns 90 on Wednesday, December 16. Fred's address is 950 Ridge St. Apt #103, Stoughton, WI, 53589. He would enjoy hearing from you!



OUTDOOR ADVENT EXPERIENCE

There will be an outdoor activity at 10:00a.m. on Advent Sundays. 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 2,500 LBS BY DECEMBER 25

Food items can be dropped off at St. John's, Monday through Thursday 8-4.

Help us reach our 2500 lb. goal! Our thanks to Chris Staveness for taking the lead on this!

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, SpaghettiOs, etc.)

The StoryWalk® Project

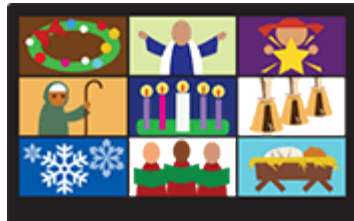
StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children – and adults – to enjoy reading a book and embracing God's creation at the same time. You may have seen a StoryWalk® at the library, preschool, or park. Now, St. John's has a StoryWalk® with a Christian Christmas story for you to enjoy. The StoryWalk® is along the north side of the building, starting at the west end (near the "Senior Parking" spots). We hope you will enjoy the story and the corresponding activities of Good News! It's Christmas! by Glenys Nellist. You can watch the newsletter, bulletins and our Facebook page for news of our next display later this month. StoryWalk® is a new way to bring your family to church!

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

To enjoy one or all of the 2020 Lutheran College Virtual Christmas Programs during Advent click here:

<https://alecm.org/2020-lutheran-college-virtual-christmas-programs/>



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MADE LEFSE AND TO THOSE WHO PURCHASED LEFSE. On October 20, and 24, 2020, a number of us gathered in St. John's Kitchen and Gathering Area to make and package lefse while wearing our face masks and gloves. Karen Kreul received a grant from Thrivent which paid for all the ingredients and supplies. A big shout out to Ann Starr, Royce Kreul, Barb Hanna, Bonnie Haugen, Sue Johnson, Phil Johnson, Nell Mittelsteadt, Pam Peterson, Pierre LaPlante, Gudie Huston, Loretta Himmelsbach, Shelly Boucher, Jean Brown, Karen Gipp, Ryan Anderson, Shannon Anderson, Kay Bliefernicht for their willingness to help. It was Shannon's first time to help and she quickly learned how to roll the balls with the expert teaching of Gudie. Both Ryan and Shannon thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this activity. All the packages were sold by November 18, 2020. Thanks to all those who purchased lefse. The profits of \$573.00 are being split evenly between **Helping Hands, and Oregon Food Pantry.** Blessings to all those who will benefit from our contribution to these two organizations. Karen Kreul, Chair of Lefse Making.

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](#).

LOOKING FOR A GIFT TO GIVE? Gift cards, in \$25 increments, for Kwik Trip gas and/or Bill's Food Center can be great items to have on hand in the church office to give out for some as they don't meet the requirements for Salvation Army vouchers. If you would like to purchase gift cards, you can drop them off at the church during office hours. Thank you!

LEARN HOW TO SAVE LIVES!

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DECEMBER 16
6:00-7:00PM
OR
JANUARY 20
6:00-7:00PM

FREE NARCAN TRAINING

FREE, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER!

RECOMMENDED FOR ANYONE AT RISK OF OPIOID OVERDOSE, FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SOMEONE AT RISK, HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL AND OUTREACH SERVICE PROVIDERS

LEARN THE SIGNS OF OVERDOSE AND HOW TO GIVE NALOXONE TO SAVE A LIFE!

COMPLETE THE TRAINING AND GET A NALOXONE KIT FREE!

• Register **HERE!**
<https://forms.gle/SVYQ9Gjcn9x6MnnU8>

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VIRTUAL TRAINING PROVIDED BY VIVENT HEALTH

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 24 HOURS BEFORE EACH TRAINING AND A LINK WILL BE SENT.

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 13, Sunday

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

10:00 AM Advent Outdoor Experience

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

December 14, Monday

6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

December 15, Tuesday

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

10:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Endowment & Memorial Board Meeting (Zoom)

December 16, Wednesday

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

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

December 18, Friday

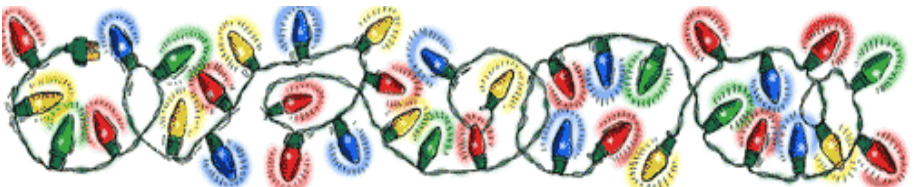
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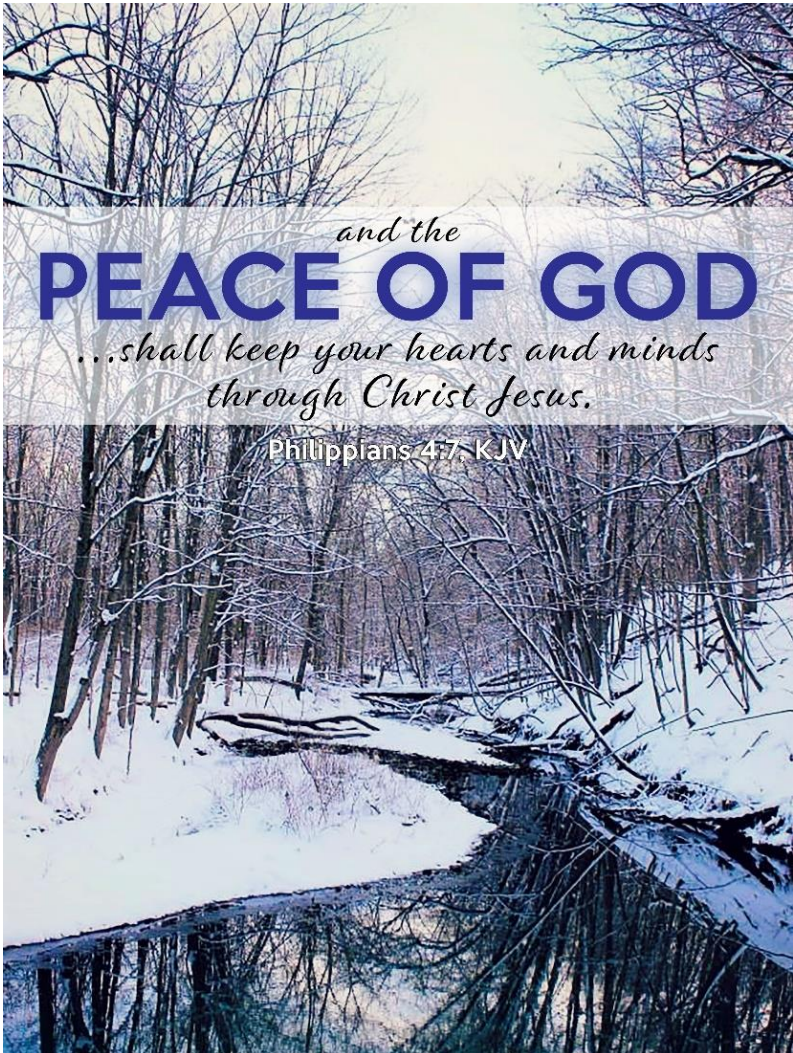


HOW CAN YOU VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?

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
[CLICK HERE](#)



Congregational Leadership & Staff

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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 any 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.