



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

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE: Due to the Health Order by Governor Evers and the increase in COVID-19 cases locally, we will continue with **online worship services**. We will inform you 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!



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Advent Sundays

9:00am - Online Only

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

Christmas Eve Day

3:00, 3:30, 4:00, & 4:30 pm – Outdoor Nativity Scene Experience

6:30pm – Christmas Celebration Worship

Christmas Day

9:00am – Christmas Celebration Worship



Readings for Sunday, December 20

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Reader: Miller Stang

Special Music: Nott family, Sheryl Lindmeier and Ondra Williams

Altar Flowers: Sandi Linstroth in memory of Don.

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. **Donna**, Shirley Miller's sister, in hospice care for COVID-19. Michelle, friend of Scott Bourie coping with the death of her father from Covid. Friends & family of Wilbur, friend of Scott Bourie, who passed away recently.

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.)

OUTDOOR ADVENT EXPERIENCE



Sunday, December 20, at 10:00a.m. The online service is a shortened service so you can attend the Advent devotional at the church.

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://alcem.org/2020-lutheran-college-virtual-christmas-programs/>



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!

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](#)

Our worship service can also be viewed on public Access Channel 983, or TDS channel 1019, Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN' WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 20, Sunday

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

This service can also be viewed on public Access Channel 983, or TDS channel 1019 at 9:00 a.m.

10:00 AM Advent Outdoor Experience

Newsletter articles due by end of day

December 21, Monday

6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting

7:30 PM Executive Team Meeting

December 22, Tuesday

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

December 24, Thursday



Living Nativity

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Outdoor Experience

3:30 PM Christmas Eve Outdoor Experience

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Outdoor Experience

4:30 PM Christmas Eve Outdoor Experience

6:30 PM Christmas Celebration online

December 25, Friday

9:00 AM Christmas Celebration online

Church Office is Closed

December 27, Sunday

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere - Carols & Readings

This service can also be viewed on public Access Channel 983, or TDS channel 1019 at 9:00 a.m.

Surrender. Believe. Trust. Obey.

Four simple, powerful words teach us how to respond when Jesus interrupts our world. Isn't that what Christmas is all about?

What is God asking you to give up? Is there a part of your life, a place in your heart, that you are struggling to surrender?

What promise has God made in His word that you aren't believing? Do you truly believe that Jesus is the Savior, the Son of God? Have you placed your faith in Him, or are you living by your feelings?

What is God asking you to trust Him with? Is there a circumstance you can't control? Has He asked you to do something that seems unbearable? Unreasonable?

What part of His commands are you struggling to obey?

Surrender your hopes and expectations. Let go of your plans.

Take God at His word and **believe**.

Trust Him to make your paths straight.

Obey without hesitation because He knows best.

Then you will know what it means to truly celebrate Christmas.



Swanson Update: It is taking a while to get settled in Montello, WI. The garage needed structural repairs before we could use it for storage. Our belongings were scattered. Just one more trip back to Illinois for our last load and we'll have everything in one spot for the first time in 9 years! We are looking forward to spending Christmas in Virginia with 3 of our 4 children this year.

Oregon Community Blood Drive

at St. John's Lutheran Church
625 E. Netherwood St

Saturday, January 2, 2021 7AM-11AM

For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit

www.redcrossblood.org



Be part of a lifesaving journey.

Donate blood.

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

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Secretary: Catherine Stang, (608) 835-2772

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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

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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.