



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

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE: due to the new Health Order by Governor Evers, we will be having **online services only through December 20**. 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 (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

Stay tuned for the remaining Holiday worship schedule.



Readings for Sunday, December 6

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Reader: Jon Fishwild

Special Music: Ryan Anderson and Ondra Williams

Altar Flowers: Doug & Pam Peterson in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

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.



LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL 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!

Solar Celebration

This past Saturday the organizations and individuals that contributed to the completion of the St. John's Solar project came together to be thanked by the Care for Creation team and Church Council for their efforts.

In attendance were Sam Dunaiski from RENEW Wisconsin, Kurt Reinhold from Legacy Solar Wisconsin Cooperative, and Burke O'Neal from Full Spectrum Solar. From church council Mark Peterson, Ryan Anderson, Barbara Newhouse, Cal Gilbertson, Kay Bliefert, and Emily Staveness. And from the Building Improvement Team, George Jolivette.



WKOW-TV and the Oregon Observer were there to interview and put together stories. WKOW aired their story that evening on the 10 PM news. The Oregon Observer will have a story in this week's edition. To see additional photos, the WKOW story, and video recordings of the celebration please go to our website and click on "Solar News".

<https://stjohnsoregonwi.org/solar-panels-are-operational/>

Finally, I want to thank the church congregation for their overwhelming support of the project!

Blessings. Bob Lindmeier



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 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, SpaghettiOs, 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.

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

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
- 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

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

December 6, Sunday

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

10:00AM Advent Outdoor Experience

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

December 7, Monday

6:30 PM Property Team Meeting (Zoom)

December 8, Tuesday

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

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

December 9, Wednesday

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

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

December 11, Friday

Church Office is Closed

December 13, Sunday

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

10:00AM Advent Outdoor Experience

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



St. John's worship service is now available to view on Oregon Cable Access every Sunday morning at 9:00AM on Village Channel 983 – TDS 1019.

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.



Virtual Christmas Program

To enjoy one or all of the 2020 Lutheran College Virtual Christmas Programs during Advent click here: <https://alcm.org/2020-lutheran-college-virtual-christmas-programs/>

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.

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St. John's Church Council Officers

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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