



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

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**Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Garber**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 10, 2021**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE:** Due to the status of COVID-19 cases locally, we are continuing with **online worship services only** for now. 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!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Sunday mornings at 10:00a.m., until we can hold services indoor again. Please join us after the online service!

*\*\*Please note: if it is raining or sleeting, or the temperature or wind chill should fall below zero – we will not experience worship outdoors.*



**Outdoor  
Worship  
Experience**

**Readings for Sunday, January 10**

**First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5

**Psalm:** Psalm 29

**Second Reading:** Acts 19:1-7

**Gospel:** Mark 1:4-11

## SERVING THIS WEEK:

**Reader:** Val Zibung

**Special Music:** Ondra Williams

**Altar Care for January**

Nell Mittelsteadt, Sandi Linstroth, Brenda Cuta



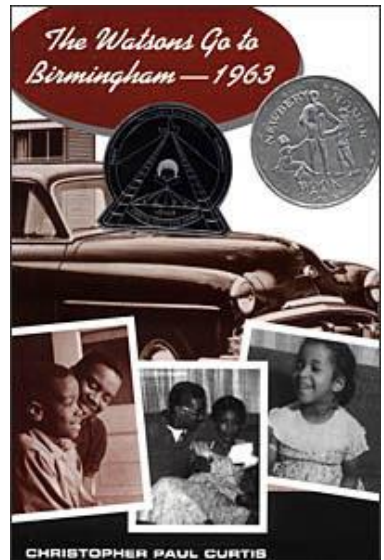
Rich Knipfer, at home with hospice care. Roger, Sally Bertelson's brother, who is receiving great medical care through radiation and chemotherapy for his cancer



Join the WELCA Women of our Synod for a Book Discussion, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963*

A Zoom book discussion, January 14, 2021, 7:00 pm

Janna Smith, retired school librarian and current SWO president, will be leading a book discussion on this young adult book (210 pages) by Christopher Paul Curtis. The Newbery Honor book tells the story of a loving African-American family living in the town of Flint, Michigan, in 1963. "When the oldest son (Byron) begins to get into a bit of trouble, the parents decide he should spend the summer and possibly the next school year with Grandma Sands in Birmingham, Alabama. The entire family travels there together by car, and during their visit,



tragic events take place."

You can connect to Zoom **without** a computer or tablet. There is a number you can call using your telephone. It will be an audio connection, only, but you will be able to hear and participate in the discussion.

Please contact Janna Smith, if you are interested in the book discussion (smithjanna55@gmail.com) or if you have any questions. You can also call Janna Smith at: 262-215-6892.

**Reports to be included in the Annual Report need to be received in the church office by Monday, January 18. Submit to [LauraM@sjlserve.net](mailto:LauraM@sjlserve.net)**



**REMINDER:** St. John's worship service can also be viewed on public Access Channel 983, or TDS channel 1019, Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.



## **ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE**

Although we didn't quite reach 2,500 lbs, we were successful in collecting 1,500 lbs of food items for the Oregon Area Food Pantry! Many thanks to all who contributed to this effort!! Look for pictures and an article in the March Newsletter.

**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?**

Simply go to our website at [StJohnsOregonWI.org](http://StJohnsOregonWI.org) and you will find the latest video right on the front page.

...or...

You can go directly to [St. John's YouTube Channel.](#) Don't Forget to Subscribe!



# ST. JOHN'WEEKLY CALENDAR

## January 10, Sunday

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

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Experience

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

## January 11, Monday

6:00 PM Joint Finance Meeting

7:30 PM Communications Team Meeting

## January 12, Tuesday

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

10:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

11:00 AM Staff Meeting (Friendship Room)

12:00 PM Chow and How Team (Gathering Area)

6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting (Friendship)

## January 13, Wednesday

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

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

## January 15, Friday

Church Office is Closed

## January 17, Sunday

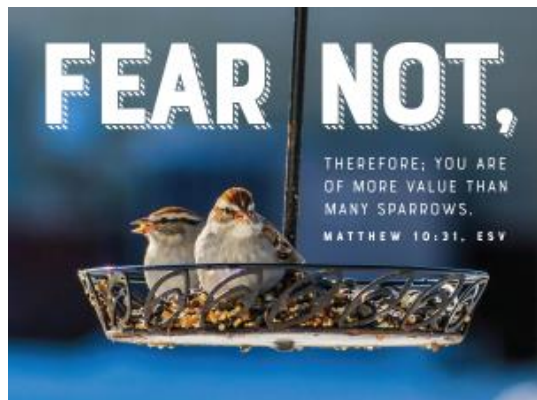
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## *Christ in Our*

*Home* small devotional books have arrived. They can be picked up in the Gathering Area or at the mailbox near the office entrance.



## HEADQUARTERS BUY 1 - FEED 2

Purchase a complete family meal, and an Oregon family in need will receive the same meal at no cost to them. Each week pre-order your \$40 family meal purchase by Sunday and pick up on Tuesday. Cash donations also appreciated.

**BUSINESSES!** Consider Sponsoring a Week!

-Consider sponsoring 1 week as your ministry/organization/business

\$150-\$300 will feed 7-12 families. HQ will also list you as a sponsor for that week on their FB page dedicated to this program

<https://www.facebook.com/Buy-1-Feed-2-114040000444887>

Questions? Call Pastor Jim McCoid  
@ 608.909.1543

[www.oregonhq.com](http://www.oregonhq.com)





FOR EDUCATORS AND STAFF  
JANUARY 11-15, 2021

## Local Organizations Host Panther Gratitude Week

Activities planned to thank Oregon  
School District educators and staff

**OREGON, WI (January 3, 2021)** - Some local parent groups have come together to launch Panther Gratitude Week as a way to give thanks to Oregon School District educators and staff for the many ways they have cared for students and risen to the challenges this school year.

Scheduled for January 11-15, 2021, the week will include a variety of ways for students, families and the community to get involved and express their gratitude, including:

1. The **Windows of Gratitude** campaign encourages participants to put their thanks on display at home using downloadable logos and shape templates that are available from the Panther Gratitude Week website.
2. **Activities By School** are creative gestures and fun initiatives so students and families can join together to give thanks to the staff at their specific school.
3. **Thank You Notes** provides an avenue for students to reach out with a message of gratitude to a particular staff member.

Panther Gratitude Week is a partnership between the Oregon Elementary PTO, Brooklyn Elementary PTO, Forest Edge PTO, OHS Student Council, Oregon Allies, Friends of Oregon School District, OMS parents and RCI parents. All Oregon School District families and community members are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

"Kindness, compassion, and gratitude are meaningful things and we felt that OSD educators and staff were well deserving of a collective showing of support from the community given all the challenges they've faced this year," said Krista Flanagan of Friends of Oregon School District.

"It's mind boggling to think about everything administrators, teachers and staff have done this year. From making sure students are still learning academically, socially, and emotionally in a remote environment, to providing meals, to making sure health and safety protocols are put into place, and more – none of this could have happened without their dedicated work," said Katie Smart of the Brooklyn PTO adding, "Panther Gratitude Week is a great way for us to show our appreciation."

For more information, please visit: [www. PantherGratitudeWeek.com](http://www.PantherGratitudeWeek.com).

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## **Congregational Leadership & Staff**

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

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**Audio Visual Operator:** David Klarich

**Building Custodian:** Chris Staveness, [cstaveness@gmail.com](mailto:cstaveness@gmail.com)

## **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

**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)

**Questions?** Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at [sheryllindmeier@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:barbd@sjlserve.net) by 4PM each Tuesday.