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Community in Christ : Christ in Community

December 2017

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2017

10:00am Worship with Communion

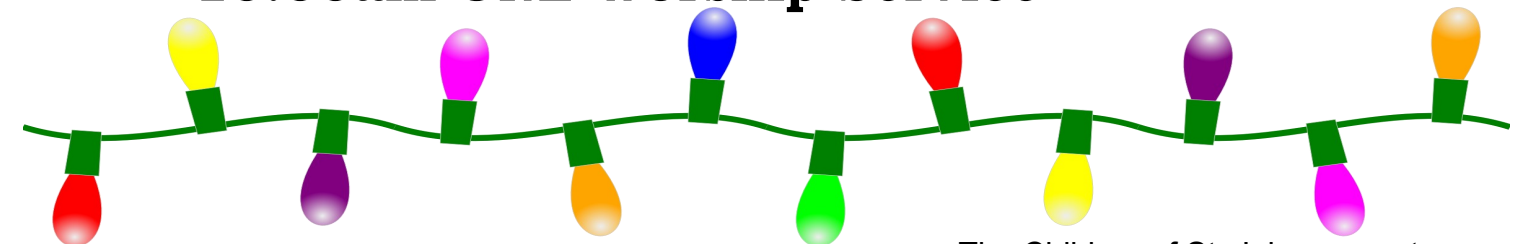
3:30pm Christmas with Worship Band

5:30pm Lessons, Carols, Candlelight & the St. John Choir

10:30pm Reflective Worship with Candlelight

December 31, 2017

10:00am ONE Worship Service



The Children of St. John present...

Worship on **December 17** will be a special service of Advent and Christmas music! Hope to see you there!

**CROSS+WALK
Christmas Program!**

Please join us **Sunday, December 10** at the **10:45am** worship service as the kids tell the Christmas story with traditional carols.

A Note From the Pastor

Growing up, Christmas didn't just happen in my house, it kind of oozed out of every corner in our house. I am still amazed to this day how my mom found things like Christmas themed Kleenex box holders. When I was in college, I loved to go back home for Christmas, but I wasn't sure why, other than the break from cafeteria food. Now, I realize it was because when I went home during the Holiday Season, I was surrounded by love and seemed to experience Christmas in every moment.

I have come to understand that the real meaning of Christmas is not found in perfect theologies I heard in Seminary. Christmas is instead found in remembering that the whole point of Christmas is the incarnation of Christ; that God came down to earth and poured himself into a little baby, who was born amidst the smells and sounds of farm animals. This is Christmas: the real, experienced event that sticks in our memories because of the food, laughter, gifts, songs, smells, and joy of living in these moments.

As we come into Advent and start to get ready for Christmas, I encourage you to go all out. Make as big a deal of Christmas as you think you can get away with, because I believe that is precisely what God wants. This very God who spent so lavishly on us, wants us to spend lavishly on ourselves and our loved ones. Now, I don't mean simply spending money. I mean spending time, effort, energy, and most importantly, prioritizing Christmas. In this way, Christmas will not be simply a two week holiday from school, or a chance to get a few more material possessions. Instead, we will remember that people singing about joy and light while they're standing in the cold and dark is Christmas; that the sound of paper ripping as gifts are opened is Christmas, that the sweet taste of once a year cookies and treats is Christmas, and that the warm embrace of family and friends being together is Christmas.

Christmas is not about the theoretical, but is about the practical, the tangible. Christmas is meant to be experienced, meant to be celebrated, meant to be incarnate (literally "enfleshed") in our lives. So, prioritize celebrating Christmas! And, if you do, I believe the true meaning of Christmas will shine into your lives: we have a God who loves us so much that we are given life abundant. A life abounding with joy because of how richly filled it is with love, both now and in the days to come. Prioritize Christmas, and you won't be able to miss all the love in your life.

—Pastor Erick

WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday:

- 8:30am Worship/Communion
- 9:30am CROSS+WALK Sunday School
- 9:45am Middle School Youth Group
- 9:45am Adult Forum
- 10:45am Worship/Communion

Wednesday:

- 11:00am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:00pm Youth Handbells
- 5:30pm Adult handbells
- 5:30pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30-6:30pm Dinner
- 6:15pm Confirmation for Grades 6-9
- 7:00pm St. John Choir

Attention Snowbirds!

If you’d like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or e-mail the church office (701-232-8521 or office@stjohnnfargo.com). Please confirm to us your winter address and tell us what date to begin using it and what date to switch back to your local address. Thank you!

Upcoming Adult Forums

(9:45am Sundays in the Sanctuary)

- December 3—Pastor Erick: Advent
- December 10—No Adult Forum: Christmas Program
- December 17—No Adult Forum: Advent/Christmas Music Sunday
- December 24—No Adult Forum: Christmas Eve
- December 31—No Adult Forum: New Year’s Eve

Thank you for participating in the Food Drive!



Thank you from St. John Social Concerns/Missions Committee for donating to the F-M Emergency Food Pantry! A total of 906 pounds, or about 80 bags, of grocery items were collected for the drive, and \$555.50 in offering was collected for the Pantry during the Thanksgiving service. In addition, Thrivent Financial has made a \$500 contribution to the F-M Food Pantry on our behalf. Thank you for making a big difference in the lives of many in our local F-M community!

Thank You for giving to Lutheran Disaster Response!

As a congregation, St. John has collected \$1,305 to go towards hurricane relief and other disasters around the world. We’re thankful that this money can provide basic needs to those affected!

THANK YOU, BLOOD DONORS!

A sincere thank you to the twenty-one St. John members who registered to donate their blood at the recent blood drive. They gave eighteen units of lifesaving blood to support the health of members of our community.



Upcoming Events

Cottage Meetings

Over the next several months, Pastor Erick and Pastor Brian will be setting up meetings at various members' houses. These meetings are designed to help Pastor Erick get to know the congregation better and to hear more about what our hopes and dreams are for St. John. If you are interested in possibly hosting one of these meetings, please contact the church office at 701-232-8521 or office@stjohnnfargo.com.

"HAPPY FEET" St. John Foot Care Clinic

We have volunteers to pamper your feet and trained personnel to trim your nails. All while you enjoy coffee and visit with friends! Upcoming dates are Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, January 24 (change from the regular schedule).

Schedule an appointment with Cathy Chatelain at 701-261-2707. Cost is \$18 paid to Sanford Home Health.

Year of the Volunteer

A hearty "Thank You" to everyone who signed up for a ministry opportunity on the Reformation Doors we had in the church for the past few weeks!! St. John wouldn’t have a thriving ministry without all of our wonderful volunteers. Be on the lookout for our next Year of the Volunteer activity coming soon.

Children, Youth and Family

6th-9th Grade CONFIRMATION Schedule

December 6 - Learning session
December 13 - Learning session
December 20 - Fellowship
December 27 - No Class
January 3 - Learning session
January 10 - Service project:
Great Plains & Churches United

Chaperones wanted! - Interested in being an adult leader for one or more middle or high school events? Contact Jeremy!

Call or text: 218-205-2698
email: jeremy@stjohnfargo.com

Thinking about learning guitar?
Contact Jeremy about
free guitar lessons!

Upcoming Youth Events

December

10 - H.S. –LOL: Living Out Loud
16 - M.S. –Christmas cooking, baking & craft day
20 - Christmas event during Confirmation

January

3 - National Youth Gathering meeting 7:15pm
14 - H.S. –LOL: Living Out Loud
20 - Family Ski Trip
27 - H.S. Sky Zone

New this year - LOL: Living Out Loud

Every 2nd Sunday of the month 5:30-8pm. High school students are invited to meet in the youth room to hang out and chat about what it means to live as a Christian teen. Expect movies, games, in-depth discussions and always plenty of food!

High School (H.S.) - students in grades 9-12.
Middle School (M.S.) - students in grades 6-8. Youth programming will be scheduled in conjunction with confirmation.

CROSS+WALK Sunday School

(Age 3–Grade 5)

Come experience our theme in November and December, “The Big Give,” as we think outside the box about generosity! In November, we talked about the greatest gift that God gave us—Jesus—and how we can find creative ways to give to others. Join us December 3 for a rendition of the Christmas story told by the Middle Schoolers!

Come one, come all to the CROSS+WALK Christmas program! Sunday December 10, during the 10:45am worship service.

Don’t forget! We will still meet on Sunday, December 17.
No CROSS+WALK December 24 & 31.

New to CROSS+WALK or just curious? Come join us! We meet Sundays at 9:45am downstairs in the fellowship hall. Come at 9:30am for family fellowship time! Through large and small group settings, we show everyone in the family how to live out their faith every day—at home, at school, and in the community.

Questions? Call Erin Bjerke at the church office 701-232-8521 or email ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com.

Preschool News

On the wall in the preschool hall is sign that says “Teach me to Give.” Our drama room has a station for kids to wrap small trinkets to give to their friends. Once the trinkets are unwrapped they are returned to the box for others to use. The JOY on the faces of the children as they give is priceless. Each day children can be seen dropping change in the collection box for our sponsor children in Nicaragua, giving opportunity to children they will never meet. Our Tuesday/Thursday class sang Thanksgiving songs for the foot care clinic. The exchange of greetings and hand shakes between the children and those receiving foot care touched the hearts of all. This season, instead of asking children “What is on your Christmas list?” ask “How will you share your gifts this Christmas?” spend a moment telling them about the gifts you see in them. Teach them the value of a smile, a handshake, and a song.

Middle School Youth Group

6th - 8th graders are invited to hang out in the Youth Room
Sundays at 9:45am for fellowship, games, and snacks!

A Message from Jeremy...

Hello!

This year has ushered in a new season for the youth of St. John. We started our monthly high school program, LOL (Living Out Loud), went to the corn maze, watched movies, ate wings, and played games. We even have a dozen youth signed up to go to Texas this summer for the National Youth Gathering! One thing I’m looking forward to next year is, starting in January, youth in 6th grade and older are invited to join the Youth Worship Band. All voices and instruments are welcome!

On a personal note, I’ve really been enjoying getting to know all of you, and I’d love to be a part of your lives in other ways. If you are a middle school or high school student (or you’re a parent of one), let me know when your games are, your track meets, your band concerts, your play performances. I WOULD LOVE TO COME AND WATCH! Or, just invite me over for supper or something.

Peace,
Jeremy

MUSIC NOTES by Dawn Papenfuss

Want to sing? If you want a short term commitment, and want to sing Sunday, December 17 and/or Sunday evening December 24 at 5:30 (for Christmas Eve service)...join the St. John Choir on Wednesdays December 6, 13, 20 at 7:00pm.

Choir Schedule for December

December 3 Worship Band

December 10
8:30am St. John Choir
9:45am Crosswalk dress rehearsal in sanctuary!!!!
10:45am Crosswalk Christmas Program!!

December 17 St. John Choir & Handbells at both services!
An Advent/Christmas Celebration of Music

December 24 (Christmas Eve)
10:00am Worship/Communion (4th Sunday of Advent): solo
3:30pm Worship Band
5:30pm St. John Choir
10:30pm No groups

December 31 (New Year’s Eve Day)
10:00am Worship/Communion: no music groups

CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE MUSICAL
Wednesdays 5-5:30pm in December will be drama parts for 3-5th graders

Parents: You should have received a packet of information and the CD for the musical by now. If not, call Dawn ASAP at 701-388-4200. It’s okay if you’re late! Just get kids here as soon as possible for drama rehearsals. (Wednesdays 5-5:30pm)



Stephen Ministry

How are you doing, going into the Christmas season? Are you filled with happiness, gratitude and compassion? If not, perhaps a Stephen Minister could help?

Contact Pastor Brian at 701-232-8521 or pastorbrianhansen@hotmail.com

What is Stephen Ministry?
Christ-Care given to people who are having difficulties.

—Gini Duval, Stephen Leader
Team Coordinator

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Welcome, New Members!

(photos are posted in the narthex)

Doris Hertsgaard

Jeff & Pamela Loehr

Rev. Julia Shreve

Chad & Angie Walswick

Livia & Adrienne

Tyler & Corene Freeman

Baxter

Get Involved!

Tuesday Quilting

Do you like to sew? Come join us for quilting Tuesday mornings to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief! We meet at 9:30am downstairs in room B11.

MUGG (Men Under God’s Guidance)

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30pm at the Fargo Ale House.
4445 17th Ave S, Fargo
For all men. We will gather after work for food and fellowship. Questions? Call Joel Kangas at 701-235-5924.

Women & Wine

A coordinator for Women & Wine will be needed starting in January 2018. Job is simple: just publicize W&W events by getting dates and locations listed in the bulletin and on Facebook—“St. John Friends” page. Attendance at events is not required! Basically, we just need a contact person and someone to make the announcements. Please notify the church office or call current coordinator Diane Wiesenborn at 701-866-5623.

YOUNG AT HEART

Please join us for Christian fellowship as we celebrate the season. Enjoy Christmas cheer with coffee and treats provided by Bonnie Gruhl and LaVon Rieke in the Parlor on Thursday, December 14 at 10:00AM.
Program to be announced.
Questions? call Donna Enstad 701-840-0348,
Mavis Lura 701-238-4147,
Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707
All are welcome—bring a friend!

Ruth Circle

Please join us for Bible study on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Location to be announced.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

This is a group focusing on ways in which St. John may actively serve the LGBTQ community. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at St. John. Contact: Stephanie Christeson 701-478-4145.

Memorials, Honorariums & Special Gifts

Capital Appeal Fund:

In Memory of Marian Prim:
Carol Stevens & Jim Power

ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In Memory of Bea Ihlenfeld:
Elwood & LaVon Rieke

General Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Marian Prim:
Fred & Judy Haugo, Virginia & David Duval
In Memory of Bea Ihlenfeld:
Joyce Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hilkerbaumer, Audrey LePore

Good Samaritan Committee Fund:

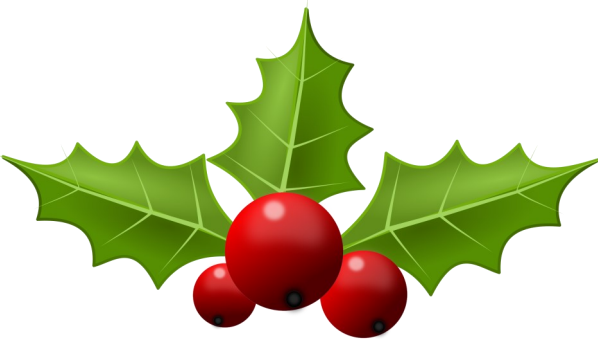
In Memory of Marian Prim:
Wes Myhre
In Honor of Lynn Wolff, Gail Reiersen, Fred & Judy Haugo:
Adelle Salveson
In Memory of Gordon Langseth:
Adelle Salveson
For the Young At Heart Club In Memory of Marian Prim:
Jeri Ekstrom, Mary Ann Walen
For the Tuesday Morning Quilters In Memory of Bea Ihlenfeld:
Adelle Salveson
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Adelle Salveson

Special Music Fund:

In Memory of Jennings Tobin:
Mike & Susan Williams
In Memory of Bob Goos, Jay Goos’ father:
Mike & Susan Williams, Fred & Judy Haugo
In Memory of Marian Prim:
Donna Hageman
In Memory of Bea Ihlenfeld:
Richard & Diane Stenberg, Jeri Ekstrom, Mary Ann Walen, Fred & Judy Haugo, Lyle & Rosalie Fritz
In Loving Memory of Marian Prim:
Kevin & Kelly Kroke

St. John Foundation:

In Memory of Bea Ihlenfeld:
Lynne Ebner, Jane Nissen, Gail Reiersen & Lynn Wolff, Marlene Ames
In Memory of Marian Prim:
Marlene Ames



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & WREATHS



Christmas poinsettias, wreaths and other Christmas decorations will be purchased to enhance the beauty of St. John during the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you would like to donate to the poinsettia fund, please make your check payable to: **St. John Lutheran Church**. Place it, along with this slip, in an envelope, mark it “Poinsettia Fund” and drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Donations are due by **Monday, December 18.**

Name _____ Amount \$ _____ Telephone _____

Given in memory of _____ or

Given in honor of _____

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION NEWS

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

The St. John Foundation Board will meet Monday, December 4 at 5:15pm in the Conference Room.

If you have a project or a special need (or know someone in the community with a project that fulfills the St. John Foundation’s mission), please consider making a funding request. Funding request forms are available at the church office or by email (jjabens@stjohnfargo.com). Funding requests received no later than noon on Friday, December 1 will be reviewed at the December 4 meeting.

Please note that all year-end contributions:

- delivered to the church office by 12:00pm on Friday, December 29 or
 - placed in the offering tray on December 31 or
 - postmarked no later than December 31
- will be credited to 2017 (unless specifically designated as a prepaid contribution for 2018). Contributions delivered to the church after December 31 or received by mail postmarked after December 31 will be credited to 2018. The 2017 contribution reports will be mailed during the month of January. Please direct any questions to Jackie in the finance office. Thank you!