

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Advent 4

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**Prayer:** “Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy. Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly. Ah, what riches will be mine, When You are my Guest divine.” Amen. (Hymn #8, v. 3)

**Caroling:** This morning we will take 10-12 minutes before the service to do some Christmas caroling. The order of hymns and number of verses is printed on the insert sheet.

### The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

**The Hymns:** 361 – 23 – 4, v. 5 – 2 – 21.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

**Service Note:** After the opening hymn we will follow the “Advent 4: Love” gathering rite (printed on an insert sheet) and have the lighting of the Advent wreath. After that we will follow the regular liturgy, starting on page 39 in the front of the hymnal.

**The Old Testament Reading:** Micah 5:2-5 – As we prepare to journey back in spirit to little Bethlehem, we are reminded that what happened there happened according to God's promise and plans. As we journey through life and on to heaven that gives us great confidence and peace.

**Psalm 85**, page 97.

**The Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10 – As Christmas draws near we are reminded why Jesus was born. God's Son was born Mary's Son to live the perfect life for us and then to die to pay for the sins of the world.

**Special Music:** Our Choirchimes will play “O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel.”

**The Gospel Reading/Sermon:** Luke 1:39-55 –

### Before Going to Bethlehem Join Mary and...

- I. Praise God for His amazing grace.
- II. Praise God for His mighty acts.
- III. Praise God for His great faithfulness.

	<u>This Week at St John's</u>	
Today	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Practice
Christmas Eve	7:00 p.m.	Children's Service
	10:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service
Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.	Worship (Holy Communion) (Ladies Choir sings)
Wednesday		No Worship
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship (Holy Communion) NO Sunday or Bible class

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**Last Week:** 230 (132+78+20) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 41 came to Bible class. There was no Sunday School due to Christmas practice. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$198,525
Received	\$11,742	\$188,230

This includes \$1,840 in tuition.

**Installation:** After the Lord's Prayer we will have the installation of the following newly elected to office: President – Jeff Schepp; Vice President – Mike Pausma; Secretary – Tom Ruhland; Church Council – Rodney Belter; Buildings and Ground – Dave Bubolz and Don Steinhorst; Education – Adam Messer and Chris Thurk; Elders – Bill Phelps; Stewardship – Todd Nehls; WLA Delegates – Bob Edwards and Tim Boerneke. We thank the following for their faithful service: Bill Schmidt, Don Wendt, Jim Van Egtern and Alan Schmitz.

**Hospital Report:** Please remember in your daily prayers John Bubolz at the Mayo Clinic (God-willing, he may be coming home this weekend).

**Holiday Services:** Please plan now to use the following opportunities to publicly praise and grow closer to your Savior.

Dec. 24 – Children's Christmas Service – 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship - 10:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Next Sunday** we will close out 2018 with **Holy Communion** services at the regular times of 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (No Bible Class or Sunday School).

**Culvers Calendars:** At the Scrip table we now have Culvers Calendars for sale. They are \$5 each and each calendar has \$48 worth of coupons in it. They will be sold on Friday and Sundays with Scrip or call Desirae at 920-324-8858 to hold yours. There is a limited supply. All proceeds go into the Scrip account.

**The Wednesday “repeat” services** will resume on Wednesday, January 9.

**Church Council:** Please note that our January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.

**The WLA Let’s Celebrate Committee** is seeking donations of services, hand crafted items and theme baskets for the silent and live auctions for Let’s Celebrate on January 27th. Items for the auction can be dropped off in the WLA office during regular business hours. They are also in need of whole pies or tortes that will be sold by the slice that day. If you would like to donate one, please contact Jenny Nell at JennyNell13@yahoo.com or Jess Schwartz at Jessi@fonddulaclaw.com. Thanks in advance to getting involved to help make this a day truly to “celebrate” our Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

**Dedecorating:** We are planning to “dedecorate” the church on Sunday, January 13, after the second service. YOUR time and help will be greatly appreciated.

**2019 God’s Creation Calendars** are available for \$7. There is an envelope in the fellowship hall. The money will go to the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Kids C.A.R.E. project.

**We Need Greeters!** We do not have any greeters signed up for any of the rest of the services in December or for the whole month of January. Please write your name where you can help out today! Thank you!

### **Caroling Hymns**

**Note:** For the **first four** hymns we will sing only verses 1 and 2.

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”	#55, vv. 1 & 2
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	#65, vv. 1 & 2
“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”	#34, vv. 1 & 2
“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”	#54, vv. 1 & 2
“What Child is This”	#67 all three verses
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