

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Advent 1 + + + December 2, 2018

Prayer: “Teach us in watchfulness and prayer, To wait for Your appointed hour, And fit us by Your grace to share, The triumphs of Your conqu’ring pow’r.” Amen. (Hymn #9, v. 5)

The Service of Word and Sacrament (The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 220 – 29 – 4, v. 5 – 207/9 – 22.
Organist: Linda Nottling.

Service Note: After the opening hymn we will follow the “Advent 1: Hope” 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 28 in the front of the hymnal.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29 (sermon text).

Psalm 25, page 74

The Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 – As we rejoice in the faith that unites us we join in prayer for each other. Our Advent prayer is that the Lord strengthen our faith in Him and increase our love for each other. Then we will be prepared for His second advent on Judgement Day.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36 – As we prepare to celebrate our Savior’s first advent or coming we are reminded to prepare for His second advent on the Last Day. The signs are being fulfilled, that day is near, “be careful, be always on the watch.”

The Sermon: Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29 -

Jesus Is Coming – AGAIN!

I. These last days will be dangerous.

II. The Last Day will be God’s righteous judgment and our gracious deliverance.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John’s

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| Today | 2:00 p.m. | Advent by Candlelight |
| Monday | 8:00 a.m. | Adult Information Class |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council meeting |
| Wednesday | 3:15 & 7:00 p.m. | Advent Vespers (Jr. Choir sings early; Choir sings late) |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Public School Confirmation class |
| Thursday | 2:00 p.m. | Ladies of St. John’s Christmas Party |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 8:30-11:00 a.m. | Breakfast with Jesus |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Fox Lake Christmas parade |
| Sunday | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship (Jr. Choir sings early) |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Bible Class & Christmas practice |

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Our greeters are Dale and Nancy Belter (early).

Last Week: 192 (98+78+16) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 18 came to Sunday School and 46 came to Bible Class. Offerings received (includes Thanksgiving):

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Budget year to date</u> |
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| Needed: | \$7,941 | \$174,702 |
| Received: | \$8,294 | \$163,215 |

We also received \$20 for Christian Family Solutions and \$110 for our school in memory of Walter (Scottie), Betty and Randy Scott and Warren, Florence and Stuart Flagel.

Hospitalized: Please keep Shirley Mullin (Beaver Dam) in your daily prayers.

Our offering hymn for Advent is #4, verse 5.

Advent Vespers: We will have special Advent Vesper services **this Wednesday** at **3:15** and **7:00** p.m. May these services help us to better understand the real meaning of Christmas and make us better prepared for Jesus’ second coming!

Thank you to all who helped or marched with our float in the Waupun Christmas parade last Tuesday. Thank you also to all those who helped decorate church last Friday evening.

Advent by Candlelight: **Today** at **2:00** p.m. is our special service. Refreshments will be served prior to the service. Please feel free to join us even if you haven’t signed up. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas party: All ladies of our congregation are invited to the Ladies of St. John’s Christmas party **this Thursday** at **2:00** p.m. A potluck supper will follow. **Ladies of St. John’s members:** Please remember to bring a guest and bring your secret pal gift (if you had one).

Our Kids' Christmas Festival/Breakfast with Jesus is this Saturday. Registration starts at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets are on the table across from the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. There is still time to register your children! Additional forms are available on the same table, or you can register them on our website (stjohnsfoxlake.org). Thanks for your help!

"Meditations" are available in the fellowship hall. The new issue starts today. The cost is \$4.00. Please remember to return your old ones so they can be used for prison ministries.

Christmas Concerts: The **WELS Wind Ensemble** Christmas Concert will be next Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fall River School Auditorium. **Luther Preparatory School** will have its concerts on Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. **Winnebago Lutheran Academy** will have its concerts on Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary** will have their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Fox Lake Christmas Parade: Our school will have a float in Fox Lake's Christmas parade next Saturday, December 8. Line-up will be between 4:30-4:45 p.m. by the corner of Mill and State Street. The parade starts at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to walk with us in the parade!

Scrip: We encourage you to order your Christmas gift cards early (due to high volumes of sales at the scrip center). Please make use of the gift cards – the Scrip funds help purchase items for school.

The adult Bible class will begin studying today Paul's missionary journeys as they're recorded in the book of Acts. The Bible class will meet in church today since the fellowship hall is set up for Advent by Candlelight.

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.

Christmas Bag Donations: If you would like to bring candy or a healthy snack to help fill the Christmas bags, please bring it to the school office. Thank you!

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