

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Adult Bible study** – Sunday mornings at 9:45 am, Advent study

**Catechism / Church Practices and Traditions Study** –Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.

**Christmas Baking Donations for Lutheran Early Lutheran Centre Staff** – if you would like to donate, please drop off your baking donations on Sunday, December 18.

**Sunday School Christmas party Sunday, December 18.** Invitations are on the table near the mailboxes.

**Potluck dinner Sunday, December 18** following the service.

We are planning a **carolling event on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 pm.** Anyone interested can meet at the church. Hot chocolate will be served following the carolling.

**Sat. Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm.**

**Sun. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service 11:00 am.**

A reminder that we have an auto-debit option for giving offerings. Please speak to Pastor for more information.

## Opportunities to Serve

If you are interested in helping with the sound system and Power Point, please speak to Jason.

We are looking for someone more permanent to help with counting offering on a regular basis. Please speak to Meridee if you are interested.

A signup sheet for church cleaning is posted on the bulletin board near the washrooms.

## Prayer Thoughts for the Week

We remember those needing Your hand of healing, especially for Pastor Ron Mohr, Pastor Rob Grout, Doreen Heide, Judy Haichert, Vicky Vardi, Regina Marcoux, Larry Neufeld, Adin Dereniwski, Joan Spaerman, Linda Peterson, Bill Hayes, Irene Besser, Linda Doell, Jim Patrick, Charmaine Peters, Olinda Fehr, John Hebert, Terry Tamke, Hailey Christensen, Mike Stringer, Alex Gudmundson, Ann Klassen, Dale Besser, Albert Kramer, Nora Spaerman, Michelle Wenc, Karen Decorby, Ruby Dyck, and Bev Wohlford. Give them Your strength and hope for every tomorrow.

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Worship Service 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School 9:30 am**

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## Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We believe that it is our mission to *bring the Word* of God to those who do not know Jesus as their Saviour, to *build the faith* of those who do, and to *share the love* of God with our community and the world. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please speak with the Pastor or Elder on duty. You are welcome to join us as often as you would like in lifting our hearts and voices to the Lord in praise, prayer, and song.

God's blessings to you in Christ!



## Communion at St. John's

Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing. As a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran Church -- Canada congregation you are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ from this altar. If you are a visitor from another church body, we ask that you meet with our Pastor or one of our Elders before receiving the Sacrament here at St. John's.

Any special prayer requests can be directed to the Usher before service begins so Pastor can include them in the Prayer of the Church.

## Scripture for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

### Epistle

Romans 1:71-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.