

WEEKLY CALENDAR

and Readings

Sunday, December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

- 8 AM Worship
- 9 AM Congregation Breakfast
Farewell to the Guido family
- 9 AM Faith:45 - Youth and Adult
- 10 AM Worship

Monday, December 4

Psalms 79, Micah 4:1-5, Revelation 15:1-8

- 6 PM Faith Formation
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 5

Psalms 79, Micah 4:6-13, Revelation 18:1-10

- 9 AM AA
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 2 PM Hannah Circle
- 5:30 PM Yoga

Wednesday, December 6

Psalms 79, Micah 5:1-5a, Luke 21:34-38

- 3:30 PM Kingdom Crew - Caroling
- 6 PM LIFE
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7 PM Youth Group
- 7:30 PM Choir

Thursday, December 7

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Hosea 6:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

- 9 AM AA
- 9 AM Quilting
- 9:30 AM Bible Study
- 5 PM Ukulele Practice
- 5:30 PM Yoga
- 6:45 PM ChristCare
- 7 PM AA

Friday, December 8

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 11:19-26

Saturday, December 9

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Mark 11:27-33

- 4:15 PM Faith:45 Adults in the Koinonia Room
- 5:15 PM Worship

Sunday, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

- 8 AM Worship
- 9 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 9 AM Faith:45 - Youth and Adult
- 10 AM Worship
- 4 PM Advent Service
- 5 PM Advent Potluck

In Keeping with God's Commandment to pray for others, we ask you to include the following in your prayers (they are prayed for in the month they celebrate their birthday): Rosemary Tyler, Lynn Horkan, Cheri Newlun, Kent Stone, Andy Mears, Haylee Chovan, Sharon Vierbicher and the mission & ministry of Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, Elkhorn.

Salvation Army Kettle Brigade Bell Ringing

Volunteers needed now thru Saturday, December 23. Two-hour shifts beginning at 8 AM through the early evening hours are available at 2nd St. Market and Viking Village Foods. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex or you can call 608.524.8231, ext. 221 to schedule the date and time you are able to ring bells.



Pictured L to R: Chris McGee, Lorna Spohnholtz, Barb Demaske and Delores Ellingson.

The Diamonds Holiday Show Silver Bells

Saturday, December 9, 7 PM

CAL Center, Reedsburg WI

For more info go to: calcenterpresents.org

Milk & Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 16, 1-5 PM

Parkview Bed & Breakfast, 211 N. Park Street, Reedsburg

Tickets are \$5 per child and include a photo opportunity with Santa, Milk & Cookies and Reindeer Food. Horse and wagon rides around City Park will also be available for an additional donation. Adults do not need a ticket for this event. 100% of all ticket sales and additional donations will go to The Reedsburg Historic Preservation Commission. Tickets are on sale now at the Reedsburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Faith:45 Youth

The Faith:45 youth are adopting a family for Christmas. Family information was emailed home. Inquiries regarding how to assist with this ministry please call or email Tiffany at tiffany@sjrdb.com, 254-9763.

Faith:45 Study

Together by Grace, Introducing the Lutherans

Both groups meet in the Koinonia Room.

Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3

The Lutheran Reformation Goes Global, pg. 65-71

Saturday & Sunday, December 9 & 10

Lutherans in North America pg. 72-77



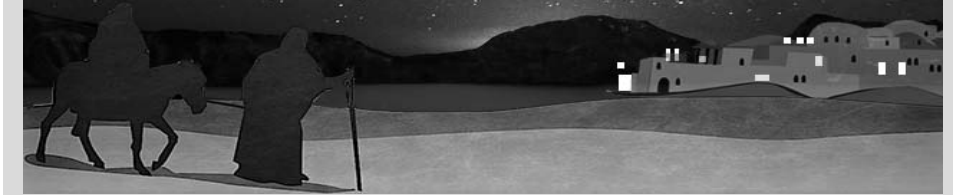
Decorating Donation

The Worship Board is requesting donations for decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex for Advent and Christmas. This year we will have some expenses for poinsettias, ribbons, candles, and miscellaneous items. Your gift may be given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special. All donors and their honorees will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

Place your donation in the decorating envelopes located in the pews or on the Welcome Center shelf. Due in the office by Mon., Dec. 18.

LOOK! THE SAVIOR COMES

HOPE



Sunday, December 3, 2017, 8 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship [St. John's Mission Statement]

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie p. 147

Canticle of Praise p. 148

Peace

Opening Hymn **661** *I Love to Tell the Story*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon **286** *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord vs. 1*

Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible p. 606

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible p. 826

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **242** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Nicene Creed p. 104

Prayers of Intercession

Response P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Offering

Communion p. 153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

Distribution Hymns **490** vs. 1-3, **260**

Order of Sending

Sending Song **244** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

Sending

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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~Enabling Our Worship~

Pastor David Glesne and Pastor Dominic Guido

Music

Diana McGlynn

Greeters

Jerry & Mary Zuhlke

Acolytes

Anthony Buss, Ashley Crary

Lector

Shelby Bell

Ushers

Greg Adelman James Thies, JR Colvin, Dave Buss

Communion Assistants

Lisa Hoff, Claire Adelman

Altar Guild

Shirley Buss

Bread

Lisa Hoff

Invitation to Communion

If you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, and present in the meal for you, you are welcome to take part in communion. The ushers will guide you. Today we commune by intinction, which means that you take the bread or wafer and dip it into the wine or grape juice and then place it in your mouth. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. If you need the meal brought to where you are seated please inform the usher. If you need gluten free bread, request such from the pastor when you take communion.

Worship Times

Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 8 and 10 AM

Fellowship

Sunday 9:00 AM

Worship Service Broadcast

Sunday - 10 AM on WRDB radio, AM 1400
Tuesday - 6 PM on RUCLS cable, channel 11

Blessing Bags, Devotionals, Large Print Bulletins

Available in the narthex, see an usher for assistance.

Bible Study

Thursday, 9:30 AM, in the Library. All are welcome!

Facebook

St. John LutheranChurch@sjlcr

Website www.sjrdb.com

Email office@sjrdb.com
WiFi - Internet Access

St. John Guest
Password: stjohneedsburg

Sponsorship Costs

Bulletins - \$25
Flowers - \$30
Radio broadcast, 8 AM service, increments of \$35, \$65 or \$115.
Television broadcast - \$40

Greeting Cards - All Occasions Available for Purchase

Located in narthex on the sofa table.
Created by our Card Ministry.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-5 PM
Friday 8 AM-12 PM
Closed noon-1 PM for lunch

If you have a pastoral emergency during non-office hours call the church office (608-254-9763) and leave a voicemail.

Prayer Chain

To start our prayer chains please note your prayer on your attendance registration form, or contact Yvonne Brekke at 524-0417, Rosemary LaRowe at 524-2677 or call or email the church office, 254-9763 or office@sjrdb.com. If you wish to become part of our prayer chain, contact the office.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update



From the OCC Regional Coordinators:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our hearts are full of gratitude for all of you who helped to collect Christmas shoeboxes for children all around the world. These gifts of love will not only provide for physical and emotional needs but also an eternal harvest through the hope of the gospel! You are part of an eternal purpose! God has a specific plan for each box and each child. How exciting to be a part of this grand God plan!

I am pleased to tell you that we collected 1940 shoeboxes here in Baraboo and those boxes have already been processed and are on their way around the world. We were notified just today of the destination countries of the boxes that were collected in our region. Here is the list of locations your box may arrive at: Gabon, Namibia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, 3 sensitive countries that cannot be identified due to security issues and Native American reservations right here in the USA.

Thank you, once again, for partnering with us to provide hope and love to so many around the world.
Merry Christmas!

Worship Assistant Volunteers Needed



Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24

9 AM

Greeters Lyle & Jean Holtz
Acolytes Tom & Jack Hynek
Lector *Volunteers Needed*
Ushers Tiffany Schulte, Kevin Hoff
Louie Voltz, *Volunteer Needed*
Communion Lisa Hoff, Chris McGee,
Volunteer Needed
Altar Guild Lisa Hoff

3 PM

Greeters Dave & Shirley Buss
Acolytes *Volunteers Needed*
Lector *Volunteer Needed*
Ushers Les Grant,
Volunteers Needed
Communion
Volunteers Needed
Altar Guild Natalie Brown

5 PM

Greeters Carolyn White
Dana Westedt
Acolytes Anthony Buss
Lector Alicia Kline
Ushers Gaylord Hodgson
Fred & Linda Behn, *Volunteers Needed*
Communion Cheri Newlun, Gary & CJ Neumann, Dana Westedt, Jodi Weldy
Altar Guild Jodi Weldy

11 PM

Greeters Maureen Benseman
Acolytes *Volunteers Needed*
Lector *Volunteer Needed*
Ushers
Bill Klang, *Volunteers Needed*
Communion *Volunteers Needed*
Altar Guild Maureen Benseman

Christmas Day - Monday, Dec. 25

9 AM

Greeters Barb Stone
Acolytes *Volunteers Needed*
Lector *Volunteers Needed*
Ushers *Volunteers Needed*
Communion *Volunteers Needed*
Altar Guild Cindy Vogel

Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services:
Make a note on your weekly attendance form as to which service you can assist at.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Merlin Benseman, husband of Maureen and father to Jason, Jeff, Mark, and Sean.

Ashlyn O'Leary, daughter of John & Lisa O'Leary, sister of Brogan, Kellan, and Zane.

The Altar flowers are sponsored by George & Ruth White in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Offerings Received to Support Our Mission and Ministry

82.35% of November budget

79.29% of the year-to-date budget

Weekend Attendance 217

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2 & 3, 2017

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

307 6th St., Reedsburg, WI - Phone: 608-254-9763 or 608-524-4516

Advent Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 10, 4 PM

Come and enjoy the sounds of the season with the St. John Choir, Bell Choir and newly formed Ukulele band. Following the service there will be a Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass (already cooked, the warming oven will be available). Bring your own dishes and utensils.
Help is needed to make coffee, attend to the hot dishes and minimal clean up.



Lo and Behold Faith:45 Youth Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17
During the 10 AM service

Christmas Shopping

Pick up a grocery bag in the narthex, fill it with the items listed on the shopping list and return it to the church narthex or office for Christ's Cupboard. Shopping lists are attached to the bags. Or pick up just the shopping list from the Welcome Wall shelf and fill your own bag. Thank you.



2018 Faith Commitment Card

Please complete and return your Faith Commitment Card for 2018. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail to the office. If you would like to change your giving to automatic withdrawal visit our website at www.sjrdb.com. On the home page towards the bottom, click on *Online Offering* and follow the steps to sign up. If you currently use Simply Giving return your completed commitment card in the offering plate or to the church office. Church staff will make the necessary adjustments for the year 2018 contributions. To date we have received 85 responses with pledges totaling \$167,488.00.



Celebrating our Past as we
Grow in God's Generous Grace



ELCA Good Gifts for Christmas

Each year, Americans spend over \$300 billion on Christmas shopping. Imagine what would happen if we could redirect that spending towards the things that really matter, like putting an end to hunger. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can do just that. Choose from more than 50 gifts to give in honor of loved ones - from goats to water wells, school uniforms to food for refugees. All of these gifts can be given in honor of friends or loved ones and make great alternative gifts to traditional Christmas gifts. Watch for posters and the display in the narthex on how to be a part of this campaign or go to the ELCA Good Gifts website for more information.

<https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts> Church In Society